



Marco Island Fire Rescue Foundation Board Meeting, Thursday, March 9, 2017, Minutes

Present: Roy Birkeland, Gene Burson, John Coff, Jim Curran, Dianna Dohm, Cheryl Ferrara, Pete Guerin, Barbara Murphy, Marty Roddy, Valerie Simon, Mike Stapleton, Steve Stefanides, Fire Chief Mike Murphy and Deputy Chief Dave Batiato.

Absent: Darcie Guerin, Tina Nash and Jack Patterson.

Lifetime Trustee Present: Sal Soldano

The meeting was called to order by Dianna Dohm at 12:02 p.m.

Preliminary Motion

A motion was made by Gene Burson for the Foundation to adopt "Robert's Rules of Order" and to add that adoption to the Foundation's Bylaws. Pete Guerin seconded the motion. All approved. Cheryl Ferrara will send out via email information on "Robert's Rules of Order."

Approval of February Minutes

Minutes from Feb. 9, 2017, were reviewed. Pete Guerin moved approval and Marty Roddy seconded. All approved.

Treasurer's Report

John Coff presented the treasurer's report and explained, since additional checks were processed after the report's close date, the Cruise Raffle income was incomplete. Questions arose on the placing of administration costs under Grants. That line will be stand-alone on future reports. Pete Guerin moved the treasurer's report be accepted as reviewed. Marty Roddy seconded and all approved.

Membership Committee Update

Jim Curran reported four new members signed up as a direct result of the Annual Meeting. He also said that membership renewals would be sent in May.

Grants & Awards

Steve Stefanides reported all was in good shape with no new requests. He thanked John Coff for keeping up with the current long-term grant for a firefighter whose child had heart surgery.

UPDATES

Cruise Raffle

John Coff estimated the Cruise Raffle would gross \$5,550. Final net numbers will not be available until the winner books the cruise. A motion was made by Barbara Murphy to move the Cruise Raffle to start on October 1, so tickets could be sold at more Foundation events. John Coff seconded and the motion was approved with one vote against. Pet Guerin volunteered to be the next Cruise Raffle chairman.

Annual Meeting

Dianna Dohm thanked Jim Curran and Bill Hughes for developing the 10th Anniversary tribute video for the Annual Meeting. She also thanked the Fire Dept. for giving the event a feeling of family, love and emotion. Barbara Murphy was thanked for working the front desk. Board members agreed seating assignments improved the event.

Scholarship Committee

Marty Roddy reported last year's recipients have received their packets to apply for 2017-2018 scholarships. One new inquiry has received information, and a student that did not qualify for the 2016-2017 year has been sent information on applying this year. Marty Roddy is waiting to hear from the Island Country Club Charity fund regarding the grant submission.

Pancake Breakfast

Mike Stapleton made a motion to change the date of the Spring Pancake Breakfast from April 2 to April 9 and to change the hours from 8 a.m. to 12 noon to 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Pete Guerin seconded the motion. All approved. Barbara Murphy said she would work on getting a consistent sponsor for each of the two pancake breakfasts.

Chamber Expo

Dianna Dohm announced the Foundation would have a booth at the Chamber Business Expo on April 5. The booth costs \$50. The Foundation had a booth last year that Roy Birkeland and Jim Curran hosted. Cheryl Ferrara volunteered to be one of the booth's hosts in April.

Smart911

Cheryl Ferrara presented a draft brochure on Smart911. Steve Stefanides pointed out, that although he was not against the Smart911 proposal, he was unhappy the Foundation was not promoting Dial 9-1-1 Don't Drive, an initiative it started previously. The Board discussed adding reference to the Dial 9-1-1 Don't Drive initiative in the brochure. The brochure will be handed out at the Chamber Expo, sent to members in the membership renewal packet and placed in other location around town. Cheryl Ferrara offered to help anyone wishing to sign up on Smart911 that needs help or does not have computer access. She also offered to be chairwoman of the Smart911 initiative and move it forward.

Website

Cheryl Ferrara reported the following changes since Feb. 9: January minutes are posted; the Fire Chief's year-end and December numbers are on the site; Stan's 50/50 Raffle winner was announced; and cancelation of the March 6 COPCN and Fire Dept. presentation before City Council was up before the date. The Annual Meeting and Cruise raffle flyer were removed after the event. The State of the Foundation and the 2016 Firefighter of the year will be placed on the site as soon as she gets pictures of the event. The Pancake Breakfast date will be changed.

Prayer Breakfast

Six board members have signed up to go to the March 21 Prayer Breakfast. Please contact Roy Birkeland if you wish to attend.

Potential New Board Member

The application of Dr. Gerald Swiacki was presented to the board. It will be vote on at the next meeting.

Fire Chief's Comments

Deputy Chief Dave Batiato and crews have been at the brush fire in Picayune Strand State Forest. His division saved trailer parks. Currently, there are 21 dozers, a number of brush trucks and state and federal firefighters at the blaze.

Chief Mike Murphy and staff are preparing the 2018 Fire Dept. budget. Plans will include replacing the entire fleet in the next three years. Marco Island City Council should hear budget presentations during the next six weeks. The COPCN will be part of the proposed budget.

Station 51 will be moving to a trailer on the water plant's property and should be open in a few days. Station 51's building will be undergoing rebuilding.

Council has not given approval for a follow-up on the COPCN. Taking over the ambulance service from the county could cost \$2 million, less the \$1 million in transport fees currently going to the county, or about \$1 million total. For that cost, potentially three ambulance could be active on the island with 12 additional personnel. Currently, ambulance service is the only public safety service not controlled by the city.

Board Comments

The board discussed how to get behind the COPCN informationally and in a supportive role.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 13 at the Fire Station.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Ferrara, Secretary

Approved by Board April 13, 2017.