

Scottsmoor Community Association Minutes May 18, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President, Marieanne Syverson. Other officers present were Arnie Benson, vice president, Kate Perez, secretary and Glenda VanGilder, treasurer. Nineteen persons were present in all.

Chief Brevard Fire & Rescue Jeff Money began the meeting by giving us a special report on fires currently burning in the area. With him were Division of Forestry Officer Todd Schroeder and Cliff Frazier public information officer for Brevard County.

Chief Money showed maps of the fires that are now active in our area. Most of these were in Volusia County, but there was a small area of fire in Brevard County. He added that they are now in a 'mop-up' phase due to the much-needed rain. However, the fires are not completely handled, and the State Division of Forestry expects to stay in the area for one more week. To report a fire, please call forestry service number in the local phone book, not 911.

He also reported that the Forestry Service does not have sufficient manpower to update their website with current fire information, so it is best to check the Florida DOT website if citizens need to know what roads may be closed due to fire. They have a highway status page on their site: <http://www.fl511.com/default.html>.

Cliff Frazier runs the Firewise Mitigation Program. He can also make risk assessment on citizen's properties. Here are his numbers if you would like to have him check your house:

407-856-6518
407-637-6592

The minutes from the previous meeting were handed out. A motion to approve the amended minutes was made by Lee Bird and seconded by Arnie. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was read by Glenda VanGilder. The Current balance in our account is \$6,078.28. We collected \$38. from 50/50. Grady Wright won and our take was \$19. Glenda wrote check #604 to Kathleen Perez for \$59.07 to pay for website hosting and domain registration and check #605 to Thunderbird Press for \$159. for raffle tickets.

VISITORS – Vicky & Rose (sister & mother of Marieanne).

Community Affair Reports:

Scottsmoor/Mims Community Center

Parks & Recreation Update - Meeting Hall Update –Marianne, Lee, Doug Chamberlain & Arnie attended their meeting last Thursday. They approved our application for the Meeting Hall to become a Parks & Recreation partner. We're hoping to be in the new building on June 1st. Our next step is to contact the insurance company and set up insurance coverage and pay the bill. We have a price quote from last August of \$600.

Lee Bird reported that Terry Lane asked if we could take water fountain out of the building because of a water quality issue. Parks & Rec. will supply us with a big water bottle. Marianne added that they also brought up our rental fee *through October*, which means that they (parks & rec.) will be raising our fees in November; So, we need to be pro-active about raising money to pay for the rent.

Doug asked if we could have an open house in June BEFORE the 4th of July picnic. Lee Bird added that the Parks & Rec. had offered to split the bill for the open house with us. Marianne added that, about funds for the organization, we need to re-think all of the money we spend on giveaways. She suggested that the picnic needs to make money and we should charge for something at the picnic. Ann Foster, has been asked about renting the building for an occasion. Maybe at the Picnic we can ask for donations. Cookie Rost asked, should we charge for games? Lee Bird said that we have always made a profit on the picnic and Arnie has reports that show what we've made, but do we HAVE to have the picnic? Bryan Kyle said that maybe Meeting Hall will generate some income.

Old Business:

4th of July Picnic

Arnie reported that he has Parrish Park reserved. A tentative schedule of events handed out along with list of businesses that donated prizes in the past, and list of committees that need workers for 4th of July picnic. We plan to spend about \$500 for raffle prizes. In past we've sent a thank you letter. Kate asked, can we offer them a link and logo on our website? Arnie added that we are looking for a dunk tank. Marianne, offered to give a 7 day cruise as a prize and Marianne will split the price of the 7 night cruise (for two people) with the association. Or, we could split the price of 2 cruises, a 3 night (2 person) on Carnival Sensation and 4 night (2 person) on Carnival Fantasy. These would be for fall only (option of booking in Fall or upgrading using full value of tickets.) Fall starts in September. The association agreed to the 2 cruises, (3 night & 4 night.) Money will be taken out of our account, NOT the budget for the picnic.

Proposed Change to By-Laws

We re-read the proposed change to the By-Laws that was introduced at last month's meeting. Arnie moved that we accept this change in By-Laws and it was seconded by

Doug. We voted and the motion carried. Lee Bird suggested that we post a copy of the new By-Laws on the website. Arnie offered to provide Kate with copy of the By-Laws.

The proposed change was as follows:

- ❖ Old: The terms of office for all officers of this association shall be for two years. All officers shall be elected by nomination in general assembly, by the members of this association every year. All officers shall hold office for not more than two consecutive terms. President and Secretary being elected on odd years and Vice President and Treasurer on even years.
- ❖ New (proposed): Terms of office for all officers of this association shall be for two years. All officers shall be elected by nomination in general assembly, by the members of this association at the **Annual Meeting** every year. President and Vice President shall hold office for not more than two (2) consecutive terms. **There is no term limit for Secretary and Treasurer.** President and Secretary are to be elected on odd years, and Vice President and Treasurer on even years.

Post Office

Marieanne spoke with Aida, who said that she thinks the post office will be here for at least another year. She also reported that she is seeing a lot of people who are moving to home delivery. Arnie said that we should buy our stamps & send our packages from the Scottsmoor Post Office. Lee Bird reported that he talked to Sheila, postmistress at Mims. Sheila said the idea of the post office is to make money. If the post office can charge for boxes that will help them make money. She also said that you can use a "Scottsmoor" address, but you must use the Mims zip code to get your mail delivered. Lee encouraged us to use Scottsmoor as part of our address.

Marieanne added that Aida had told her that people have had their mail burned in their boxes. She wanted to know, are these being reported? Is anything going to be done about it?

Arnie reported that the latest information about our permanent postmaster is that he or she will be here in a two weeks.

Website:

Kate reported that we are looking for advertisers for website. The price is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-Members.

It was suggested by members that we add links for Mosquito Control, FEMA (Hurricane), Brevard County Portal and Intellicast or Weatherbug.

Also, the names & phone numbers of those who are selling raffle tickets.

Tom Perez added that we should we have a membership booth at the 4th of July Picnic.

New Business

Virginia invited everyone to the First Baptist Church at 11:00 to hear the Gibbs Family singers on the 31st of May.

Glenda asked if anyone has collected money for tickets, and said, if so, please give it to Doug.

Arnie told us that the Mims Community Group Meeting will be on May 19th at 6pm at the Harry T. Moore Center. He wondered if we would be able to rent Bingo supplies for new building and the 4th of July picnic. Rose suggested that the Moose Lodge has a portable bingo rig and possibly a dunking booth.

50/50 was won by Glenda. She donated her winnings. Total gain for the Association was \$24.

Bryan Kyle moved that we adjourn, Lee Bird seconded the motion. The motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Secretary, Kate Perez.