

Joint COOCVE Executive Committee and Council of Area Chairs

Board Meeting

March 9 - Via Zoom

Macky Bachelor, 1st Vice President called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Carol welcomed all Area Chairs to the meeting and asked them to let COOCVE know if they held an area meeting and if there is anything they can share that was brought up which might be useful to all. In the coming months, COOCVE will be looking at ways to better support Area Chairs by offering training in support of the many roles that they play. Carol mentioned that COOCVE will be releasing another version of the **Contractor's Survey**; to do this, COOCVE will need updated information from buildings. Carol encouraged all Area Chairs to speak to their Presidents and BODs and ask them to send COOCVE any listings of contractors that they have used in the past and provide a rating of the experience they had with them so that the information can be shared with others who can benefit from their findings. Carol reminded Area Chairs that the form is available as a fill-in form on the COOCVE website under forms.

Carol also touched upon the recent murder that took place in one of the buildings in CVE; this had a very chilling and traumatic effect on the building that experienced this. COOCVE reached out to the building to see how they can help them now and in the future with mental help support for the trauma and the grieving. COOCVE found a group in Connecticut that has a national response system with crisis teams all over the country. COOCVE was able to contact the local team in Broward who came out and met with several residents of the building in the last few days. COOCVE will make this information available on their website. Carol mentioned that after

speaking with Captain Hofstein she learned that he has experiences in many areas including violence, trauma, belligerent and troublesome residents, threats and acts of violence or destruction. Captain Hofstein is prepared to speak to CVE residents at the next BODs meeting about what they can do in these situations. If there is enough interest in the Village, COOCVE would like to have Jennifer Cunha host a seminar on the various legal actions that BODs can take with regard to residents having difficult behavior. Carol then asked all in attendance at today's meeting to state in the chat if they are interested.

Macky announced that COOCVE is hosting a **President's Forum** on Tuesday, March 22 at 1 p.m. Please submit any agenda items to Macky Bachelor at COOCVE@coocve.com.

A **secretary's forum** is being planned for early April. Information such as minutes, Robert's Rules of Order and association records will be discussed to assist secretaries in their role. More information will be coming shortly.

COOCVE mentioned about four-fifths of the **Officer and Director forms** have been submitted. There are many new Presidents and COOCVE Directors so please submit these forms as soon as you can. Please encourage Directors to list their local phone number; not their Canadian number.

COOCVE has received several inquiries about buildings and guests occupancy policies.

COOCVE is learning that most buildings have policies for guests that are unclear. The policies are clear about children; no longer than 30 days but it is not clear on the adult guest policies and may not be as enforceable as it should be. Macky suggests to those that are amending their documents to look at the guest policy 9.1 and amend that as well. Many inquiries are also being received from mortgage companies and Mackey suggested that everyone review their documents to see what is required when someone applies to be a resident ie. the amount required to put down.

Treasurer's Report – Rich Wiener

The opening balance for February 2022 was \$69,259.07. Expenses for February were \$233.76; The balance as of March 1 was \$69,025.31. YTD expenses were \$18,661.08, YTD income is zero. COOCVE has an Optimum Bank CD in the amount of \$52,000 that is due in June.

President's Report - Carol Freedman

Carol reminded everyone to take a look at the most recent 2-page spread in the *Reporter*. There is a lot of useful information on many of the issues that Area Chairs are currently dealing with.

Carol also mentioned that many buildings are inquiring with COOCVE about root intrusion as they are now experiencing this issue in their showers and toilets and have concerns. This is an issue that many buildings will face as they begin to age. Carol said COOCVE is investigating this and asked that Area Chairs who are facing this issue, mention it in their report. Rita replied that this has been ongoing for years as it is from the ficus trees that are growing in front of the buildings as these roots seek water and head towards the shower and toilets. Rita mentioned that it is the responsibility of the building and about six years ago, many buildings removed the ficus trees and planted trees that were less intrusive.

Carol then turned the meeting over to Harriet Drandorf, Chairperson of the Council of Area Chairs. Harriet reminded everyone that only Area Chairs can speak first; all others will be able to speak at the open mic. She also stated she received two phone calls this morning asking for phone numbers. She reminded these individuals and is mentioning on this call that the *Reporter* has a listing of important numbers. She asked Area Chairs to remind their residents to pick up a copy of the *Reporter* as it has a pullout for CenClub, 2-page spread for COOCVE as well as useful

information. Macky also mentioned that on the COOCVE website there is a listing of handy phone numbers with hours of operation. Carol updated the Area Chairs on the President's email listing. COOCVE has agreed to make available to Area Chairs emails and phone numbers of Presidents in their areas and COOCVE is in the process of contacting all Presidents for permission to release their email addresses to Area Chairs.

Master Management - Eli Okum

Eli mentioned that in the last month, a resident was struck and killed by a car on Military Trail and an Upminster resident was hit inside CVE on Century Blvd. These **two accidents** had one thing in common; the pedestrians were not in the crosswalk.

MM is asking all **residents not to feed the ducks**; it is not healthy for them and this invites them to come onto the catwalks and sidewalks. Eli also urged drivers to be careful as several ducks have been killed on the road in the last month.

The **east bus has expanded the hours** on Sundays beginning at 9 a.m and will continue throughout the season.

Eli asked residents not to use drinking water or hose water when **washing their cars in the Village**. This is portable water which is connected to CVE's system which we pay for. Only portable car washers, which bring in their own water, can wash your car; this is the only means of washing cars inside CVE.

MM has adopted a **caring beyond the gates campaign** by cleaning up Hillsboro Blvd. and Military Trail from papers and debris alongside the roadway.

Work on the right turn lane on Military Trail will begin the week of April 25. A notice will be sent

out informing residents since there is a possibility of the east gate being closed during the paving process.

The next **Master Management Board** meeting will be held via zoom on March 10 at 9:30 a.m.

Hariett mentioned that residents walking in the Village at night wear light clothing as it is difficult to see walkers late at night with dark clothes. She also suggested to MM and Bernie to offer reflective bands to walkers so that they can be seen late at night.

CenClub – Mike Burdman - Executive Director

Mike thanked everyone who attended yesterday's CenClub meeting; it will be on channel 98 shortly as well as on the CenClub website. The CenClub BODs removed the mask requirement while residents are in the common areas of the Clubhouse except during theater shows. Tickets for the March shows were sold under the mask mandate guidelines and the Board felt it would not be fair to those who purchased tickets under those guidelines to have it lifted. Please continue to wear your mask to shows in the theater for the remainder of the season.

Revalidation of CenClub IDs is going great. Blue IDs are still valid and will be until the revalidation process is complete. Residents are receiving phone calls from our staff members to verify their Revalidation submissions. CenClub has revalidated over 9,200 residents, and plans for this project will continue until the end of July. If you have not completed the revalidation paperwork, please visit the Clubhouse offices, or www.cenclub.com/id to submit your information online. After a 2-month relief transition period in connection with the ID revalidation project, CenClub will again be charging late fees beginning in March against past-due owners.

CVE is always looking for **instructors for new classes**. If you have a hobby and would like to teach a class to your fellow residents, stop by the Staff Office to see how you can become an instructor. Haley Comerford (Cum-er-ferd) is our new Assistant Director for Events and Reservations. Join us in welcoming her to the CenClub family.

Classes for **Winter Session II** are underway and registration for spring classes opens on March 18. The first day of spring classes is on April 18. Residents can visit www.cenclub.com/classes or the Staff Office for class schedules, descriptions and to register.

BJs wholesale returns to the Clubhouse 2nd-floor lobby on March 16 and April 20 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Take advantage of their membership discounts offered to all CVE residents.

The **Broward County Property Appraiser's** office will be in the lobby on the 2nd floor of the Clubhouse on Thursday, April 8 and May 5 to assist residents with Homestead. Call or visit the Staff Office for an appointment.

AARP Tax-Aide is back to assist residents with filing their taxes. Contact the staff office to make an appointment. Appointments range from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Mondays through April 18.

Passover dinner will be offered by **Old Florida Café**, our onsite restaurant. The dinner includes matzo ball Soup, roasted potatoes, veggie, Passover cake, and your choice of gefilte fish with horseradish, or chopped liver with lettuce and tomato, and a choice of beef brisket, turkey with cranberry relish, or salmon filet. It also includes a free box of matzo! All of this for \$29.95 per person. Call 754-465-2450. Order by April 6 for delivery or pickup on April 15.

The next **CenClub meeting** will be held on Tuesday, April 12 at 9:30 a.m.

Macky asked Mike about the ID process as she has a resident that works during the times the IDs are being processed. Mike suggested the resident come to the staff office and speak to them as they are trying their best to accommodate all residents. Judith Stagliano mentioned that there is a woman in her building with dementia and it is going to be difficult for her to understand the complexity of the ID card situation. Mike suggested she come to the staff office and they will accommodate her.

City Commissioner - Bernie Parness

Bernie stated that the voting laws have been changed in Florida. To assist residents, every Thursday and Friday in the Clubhouse from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the City will be in the Clubhouse to assist residents in checking their registration and provide voters with their new registration card that must be filled out prior to the November election. For residents who cannot come during the day due to work, please contact Bernie directly to make arrangements to receive a registration card.

Bernie stated that his building has not had an election due to the fact that there are too many residents not wearing masks, he will schedule a meeting shortly.

There is a proposal to change the charter to allow the City Commission and Mayor to run for a third term. Bernie is not asking you to approve or disapprove this proposal, but for you to request that it be placed on the ballot so that the voters can make the decision.

Seacrest - Jacqueline Pugh, Property Manager

Jacqueline introduced Valerie McColgan who has joined the Seacrest Management Team. All managers have completed the first inspection for February.

East Coast - Kyle Quintano

Nothing to report

Next-Gen Management - Not Present

Harriet mentioned that she located the safety vests that were given out by Richard Rosenzweig when he was City Commissioner in 2015. The back of the vest states it was provided to CVE by the FDOT. Harriet stated that we need to look into this again.

Area Chair Reports:

Ashby: Mentioned that she has some residents who have completed their paperwork early on for their ID but have not been called. Mike responded to have anyone who has not received their ID to call the Staff Office.

Oakridge: Rita mentioned that she is still waiting on information, costs, vendors, etc. for an Oakridge sign to be installed.

Ventnor: Marilyn Goldman stated that she recently hosted an area meeting with 60 residents all who were very interested in participating.

The next Joint COOCVE Executive Committee and Council of Area Chairs meeting will be held on **April 13 at 9:30 a.m.** via zoom.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Freedman, President COOCVE

Harriet Drandoff, Chairperson of the Council of Area Chairs