

Florida Gardens Civic Association
Meeting Minutes for April 13th, 2023

This meeting was called to order by Christine Curry at 8:08 p.m.

Attendance: Officers: Christine Curry (First Vice President), Sarah Harmes (Second Vice President), and Kimberly Serio (Secretary) were present. Mike Misko (President) and Justin Gwin (Treasurer) were absent. There were sufficient Board Members present (16) to achieve a quorum. There were 18 attendees on the sign-in sheet.

Monthly Business:

Minutes: March's minutes were distributed and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Justin Gwin (Treasurer) was absent. Christine Curry (First Vice President) provided the Treasurer's Report. As of 3/31/2023 we had a bank balance of \$30,811. Contributions received as of 3/31/2023 were \$6,743 which lags our collection totals from last year as of this date (for 2022 was \$7,418). Around 25 more contributions have come in during April thus far. Contribution tracking as of 3/31/2023, 122 households have given contributions. Highest sum from Ohio (\$670). Most houses on a street: Cleveland & Akron tied (12 houses) but by %, Cleveland is higher.

Clubhouse Report: Terry Crosby (Clubhouse Manager) gave the Clubhouse report. She reported that for March we had 19 rentals (7 residents, 0 non-residents, and 12 Community Service events) providing \$1,690.14 net income for the month. She noted we had the Clubhouse booked for our annual Easter Party for 4/9/2023-4/10/2023 and the Cornhole Tournament scheduled for 5/13/2023. She noted we are booked out through summer.

Clubhouse Maintenance: Gary Oliwa (Director at Large) reported that the new lights on the north side of the building have been installed. He has painted the conduit to match. He replaced a flood light that was out in the front. He noted that our Armed Forces flag had become damaged in the wind, so he has replaced that as well. Terry Crosby reported that that she has a father (Patrick) and son (Matthew) that collect and repair damaged flags. She has the number for anyone who would like to reach out to them. She noted they will come by and pick them up. They were given our old Armed Forces flag to hopefully repair.

Newsletter: Gary Oliwa (Director at Large) reported no new activity.

Website: Gary Oliwa (Director at Large) noted he posted 30 pictures from the Easter party, posted the information on the Cornhole Tournament, and fixed a few small things.

Taxes: Gary Oliwa (Director at Large) reported that the March Sales Tax report, Q1 Florida Unemployment Tax Return and the Q1 Federal Tax Return were completed and mailed.

Children's Events: Kimberly Serio (Secretary) noted we had a wonderful Easter Party. She specifically wanted to thank Alanna, Penny, Keegan, Samantha along with our high school students that all helped to make this party as successful as it was. The photos from the photographer will be posted on our social media account. She noted that she expected about 60-70 children based on 2022 and we had over 150 kids participate in the egg hunts. She noted that everything went smoothly because of the amazing volunteers we had helping. She also noted we are having much larger attendance by close to double. Kimberly noted that currently she is coming out of pocket for most of the expenses for these parties, then being reimbursed. With the size of these parties, and the expenses that are attached to them, she noted she can no longer come out of pocket for these events. She noted with Justin not present, we really couldn't figure out exactly how this could be worked out but offered an idea of a separate account. Susan Jenkins, Spencer Palmer, Alanna Harman, and Angie Bermudez also offered some ideas on either an account or a card that she may be able to use for the future. Alanna also noted that the games belong to Kimberly, and she would like to see Florida Gardens start to purchase our own games, so we have them for the future. Gary Oliwa agreed that Kimberly needs to have access to a fund where she can purchase things throughout the year as they come up and will get with Justin to figure this out. Spencer Palmer noted that a prepayment card that funds can be added to could work as well.

Adult's Events: Brian Katz (Adult Event Coordinator) was not present, but Spencer Palmer (Director at Large) reported that attendance at last month's Adult Game Night was good and this month's Adult Game Night will be held on Tuesday, April 18th 2023.

Scholarship Fund: Sandra Dale (Scholarship Coordinator) was not present, so Kimberly Serio (Secretary) reported that we received two applicants for this year's Scholarship Fund Award, Alyssa, and Seanna. She turned in Seanna's application to Heather Zapf to turn over to Sandra Dale. She noted that applications have now been received and Sandra will confirm the awards with Justin Gwin (Treasurer). Kimberly noted that both these ladies have completed their community service hours and have been a wonderful help at all our parties.

Old Business Updates:

Lucerne Lakes: Gary Oliwa (Director at Large) reported that Mattamy Homes keeps trying to have the judge dismiss their lawsuit, but that hasn't happened. There was a Lucerne Lakes Master Board Meeting on March 20th, and a representative from Mattamy Homes told the residents that this was a done deal and can't be stopped. Lucerne Lake's lawyers are currently working on an additional strategy, so the fight continues with both sides believing the judge will side with them.

Lake Worth Road/Ohio Road Accidents: Gary Oliwa (Director at Large) reported that the State DOT has emailed him to let us know that everything is ready to go, and it will be on the schedule some time in the next 6 months.

Additional Clubhouse Exterior Lighting: Gary Oliwa (Director at Large) reported that the e-Vote for the lights passed and the lights are installed.

Cornhole Tournament: Danny Woods (Director At Large) noted that the Cornhole Tournament is set up. He and Spencer Palmer are working on food. He noted that he has not received many pre-registrations. He noted he put out a social media blast and still hasn't gotten much response, so he is going to let it go and decide at the last minute. Terry Crosby (Clubhouse Manager) noted that there is no refund on the tent rental. He also noted we have a kid's division. Kimberly Serio noted that the last event we did a kid's area with Crazy Games, and asked Danny if he wants that again. He confirmed to move forward with it. Alanna Harman noted that we need to have a system for our neighborhood where she could send out text messages about events that is outgoing only. Susan Jenkins noted a system called Text Them All which does have a cost but may be worth it since social media doesn't get to everyone. Alanna will investigate the system.

New Business:

Around The Room:

Road Re-Striping: Gary wanted to give a thank you to Al Harrison on Coconut who contacted the county to get the striping redone on Akron and Ohio.

Side Walks: Lawrence, new resident, noted that when he moved in there was a discussion of sidewalks being added on Akron Rd. Spencer Palmer (Director At Large) reported that he needs 65% of the street to approve. Currently we are at 50%. He noted that people request to see the plans to know where the sidewalk will be, what trees will be removed, and where mailboxes will be relocated to. Spencer noted the plans are 27 years old and still state asphalt. The petition does state concrete, and now the county wants to back out of concrete and go with asphalt. He has requested new plans from the county many times. Spencer noted we have a new commissioner, and he is the person we should be reaching out to.

New Residents: Terry Crosby welcomed two new residents. Lawrence on Akron and Linda on Barberton.

A motion was made by Christine Curry at 8:49 p.m. to adjourn and it was unanimously approved.

Our next meeting is scheduled for May 11th, 2023, at 8:00 p.m.

President – Mike Misko
1st Vice President – Christine Curry
2nd Vice President – Sarah Harmes
Secretary – Kimberly Serio
Treasurer – Justin Gwin

Florida Gardens Civic Association, Inc.
Board Meeting Agenda

May 2023

Social Media Coordinator – Alanna Harman
Newsletter & Website - Gary Oliwa
Clubhouse Manager – Terry Crosby
Scholarship Fund – Sandra Dale
Kid's Event Coordinator – Kimberly Serio
Youth Volunteer Coordinator – Needed
Adult Event Coordinator – Brian Katz

Monthly Business

1. Last Month's Meeting Minutes: (Questions/Approval)
2. Treasurer Report: (Justin Gwin)
3. Clubhouse Rentals: (Terry Crosby)
4. Clubhouse Maintenance: (Gary Oliwa)
5. Newsletter: (Gary Oliwa)
6. Website: (Gary Oliwa)
7. Taxes: (Gary Oliwa)
8. Children's Events: (Kimberly Serio)
9. Adult's Events: (Brian Katz)
10. Scholarship Fund: (Sandra Dale) absent (Kimberly Serio)

Old Business Updates

1. Lucerne Lakes: (Gary Oliwa)
2. Lake Worth Road / Ohio Road Intersection (Gary Oliwa)
3. Corn Hole Tournament

New Business

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