

Florida Gardens Civic Association
Meeting Minutes for March 10th, 2022

This meeting was called to order by Mike Misko (President) at 8:10pm.

Attendance: Officers: Mike Misko (President), Susan Jenkins (First Vice President), Brian Katz (Second Vice President), Justin Gwin (Treasurer), and Kimberly Serio (Secretary) were present. There were sufficient Board Members present (15) to achieve a quorum. There were 23 total attendees on the sign-in sheet.

Minutes: February's minutes were distributed by Kimberly Serio, and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report given by Justin Gwin (Treasurer). We have a current bank balance of \$19,422.48 as of 3/10/22. Contributions so far total \$5,785.00 of which \$3,600.00 has been paid by check, a little over \$1700 a has been paid by PayPal through the website, and a little over \$500 has been paid by Venmo. He noted Mango was in the lead with contributions totaling \$538.00, and Canton is in second with \$520.00. Our largest contributor donated an amount of \$250 from Akron. He reported we received a contribution from Sundream Designs that didn't have an address attached, and he will need to track down who made the contribution.

Clubhouse Report: Terry Crosby (Clubhouse Manager) gave the Clubhouse report for February. She reported we had 14 rentals (12 residents and 2 non-residents) totaling \$1,825.35.

Clubhouse Maintenance: Gary Oliwa (Director at Large) reported he has fixed the 3 broken 6' round tables and found one other table he will be adding some strengthening to.

Newsletter: Gary Oliwa (Director at Large) reported the Newsletter is almost completed, but he still needs all the information for the Easter Event from tonight's meeting.

Website: Gary Oliwa (Director at Large) reported the meeting minutes were posted to the website. He found a couple of small things that need to be fixed, that he will get taken care of.

Taxes: Gary Oliwa (Director at Large) reported that the February sales tax return is ready to go out, and he will be getting the check from Justin Gwin (Treasurer) to mail it.

Children's Events: Kimberly Serio (Secretary) reported that she spoke with Haley from Community of Hope Church across the street from the Clubhouse. Community of Hope proposed offering their Easter Party as a gift to all the children in Florida Gardens, which will include an egg hunt, bounce houses, and games. There was a lengthy discussion on the pros and cons for having our own party or accepting the gift from Community of Hope. A motion to continue with our party was made by Mike Misko (President) and approved by Danny Wood (Director at Large) and Susan Jenkins (First Vice President). Motion was approved with a vote of (11) Y and (4) N. Kimberly Serio noted she will continue with the party arrangements. Danny Wood agreed to be the Easter Bunny.

Adult's Events: Brian Katz (First Vice President) reported that he and Spencer Palmer (Director at Large) are looking to start up a Game Night once a month on Tuesday night. Brian noted he will have something put in the upcoming Newsletter. Spencer Palmer reported they will set up different games on different tables. Brian Katz reported that there will be a preregistration so they will have an idea of the amount of people coming. Gary Oliwa (Director at Large) noted that the Newsletter will be going to the printer soon, and if they want to add something into the Newsletter, he will need it right away. A resident inquired of who can come, and Spencer Palmer noted that it is for adults or kids competent enough to play the games. Penny Spring noted to make sure the word "adult" is posted in the Newsletter, to which everyone agreed.

Scholarship Fund: Sandra Dale (Scholarship Fund Coordinator) noted she is the new Scholarship Coordinator as approved by the Board. She reviewed the application form and reported there needs to be a few changes made to the wording. She noted a few questions she has received from residents that aren't clear in the current application, as well as confusion with doing two separate checks. She requested two motions to be made. First was to make a single check of \$1000.00 instead of two \$500.00 checks. Second, she requested that we increase the scholarship

fund from \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00. A motion was made to increase the scholarship amount from \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00 by Mike Misko (President). Motion approved by Terry Crosby (Pine Tree Street Representative) and Susan Jenkins (First Vice President). Motion approved unanimously. A second motion was made to make the payment a single check by Mike Misko. Motion approved by Terry Crosby (Pine Tree Street Representative) and Megan Bauer (Cuyahoga Street Representative). Motion approved unanimously. Sandra Dale requested assistance to review and update the Scholarship forms and she had a volunteer.

New Business

Street Representatives: Mike Misko (President) reported we had two new volunteers for Street Representatives. Amanda Olmstead for Cypress, and Christie Bankes for Springdale. Sandra Dale reported that Gary Marcinkoski is stepping down as Street Representative for Barberton. Patrick Buckley said he would do it. A motion was made to approve all the new Street Representatives by Mike Misko. Approved by Terry Crosby and Penny Spring. Motion approved unanimously.

New Initiatives: Brian Katz (Second Vice President) stated he would like to setup two new initiatives for our neighborhood. He wants to collect all the business owners who live in Florida Gardens and put together a data sheet with a directory of services for our neighborhood. He created an email floridagardensbusinesses@gmail.com for people to submit their business information and he will put the email in the Newsletter. He noted all businesses will go into a Google Document so any resident with an email can access it. Brian Katz also noted he was working on a similar idea for pets that he will propose next month which includes a pet directory. Gary Oliwa noted that the NextDoor app has a similar option, but few are aware of it.

Old Business

Lucerne Lakes: Gary Oliwa reported that there is nothing official to report.

Volunteers Coordinator: Spencer Palmer (Director at Large) reported no one has volunteered for the position.

By-Laws Committee: Mike Misko (President) reported that a committee had met to review and make recommendations for changes to the treasury portion of the By-Laws. He noted Gary Oliwa is working on an email to be sent out to all the Board members with the details.

Around The Room

Minutes Update: Danny Wood (Director at Large) noted that the Social Media Coordinator position was missing from the top of the agenda. Kimberly Serio apologized to Alanna Harman and advised that it will be corrected on next month's minutes. Danny Wood wanted to confirm the time the Easter Bunny will be here. Kimberly Serio confirmed that will be from 10am-12pm.

There being no other business, a motion was made by Mike Misko at 8:47 to adjourn and it was unanimously approved.

Next meeting scheduled for April 14th, 2022, at 8:00pm.

President – Mike Misko
1st Vice President – Susan Jenkins
2nd Vice President – Brian Katz
Secretary – Kimberly Serio
Treasurer – Justin Gwin

Florida Gardens Civic Association, Inc.
Board Meeting Agenda

April 2022

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)

Old Business Updates

1. Lucerne Lakes: (Gary Oliwa)
2. Volunteer Coordinator: (Spencer Palmer)
3. Treasury By-Laws: (Mike Misko/Justin Gwin)
4. Business and Pet Directory: (Brian Katz)

New Business

Around The Room

Approval of By-Laws Amendment