

Florida Gardens Civic Association

Meeting Minutes for April 14th, 2022

This meeting was called to order by Gary Oliwa (Director at Large) at 8:08pm.

Attendance: Officers: Brian Katz (Second Vice President), Justin Gwin (Treasurer), and Kimberly Serio (Secretary) were present. Officers: Mike Misko (President) and Susan Jenkins (First Vice President) were absent. There were insufficient Board Members present (13) to achieve a quorum. There were 16 total attendees on the sign-in sheet.

Minutes: March'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 \$27,005.00 as of 4/14/22. Contributions so far from 164 homes total \$9,327.00, with fees of \$114.00, of which \$5,765.00 has been paid by check, a little over \$2,500.00 has been paid by PayPal through the website, and a little over \$900 has been paid by Venmo. He noted Akron was in the lead with contributions totaling \$1,125.00, Coconut is in second with \$745.00, and Canton is in third with \$740.00. Two of our largest contributors donated an amount of \$250 and \$200, both from Akron. Justin reported that QuickBooks is going to stop supporting the desktop version we currently use. He noted Mike Misko (President) has approved him to move to QuickBooks online version which will be cheaper at only \$12.50 a month. He is also looking at other ways to save on expenses by possibly bundling our current Verizon phone with their internet plan.

Clubhouse Report: Terry Crosby (Clubhouse Manager) gave the Clubhouse report for March. She reported she has written over 30 contracts from March 1st to date and collected \$4,700 in April so far. She reported we had 8 rentals (all residents) in March totaling \$370.89. Terry noted one of the weekends we had our Easter Party. She is also booking into 2023. She noted our fire extinguisher inspection passed, and Gary was able to repair the broken tables and chairs. She's selecting a chair for the clubhouse and a picture of one of the choices was provided by Gary. Terry noted that the chair purchase has been approved by the Board. Kimberly Serio (Secretary) noted that the formal vote has not been done. Gary Oliwa will send out an eVote for the approval since we did not meet our quorum. Gary noted that (one of) the chairs we are considering are \$37.00 a piece, for 80 chairs, and the cart is \$165.00, totaling \$3,125.00 plus tax and shipping.

Clubhouse Maintenance: Gary Oliwa (Director at Large) reported that Terry Crosby mentioned most of his repairs, but he also had to repair the two front door stops that had broken off due to wind flinging the doors open. He also put posts around the drainage ditch, so cars don't accidentally drive down into it. This has happened twice.

Newsletter: Gary Oliwa (Director at Large) reported he is starting the next Newsletter and the ads are full. He noted we had one cancellation, but Florida Gardens Baptist Church took the spot.

Website: Gary Oliwa (Director at Large) reported he put up and took down the information for the Easter party. He updated the Board of Directors list. He noted the February meeting minutes and March newsletter were posted. He also posted the information on the L13 Canal construction that is soon to be taking place.

Taxes: Gary Oliwa (Director at Large) reported that the March sales taxes were paid, Q1 Florida Unemployment taxes were paid and Federal Quarterly FICA taxes were paid. He noted the Federal and State income taxes were supposed to be completed by the 18th of this month, but the Accountant filed for an extension due to all the new changes to the tax laws last year that went into place.

Children's Events: Kimberly Serio (Secretary) noted the Easter Party went great. Florida Gardens Baptist Church brought their bounce house and snow cone machine; Community of Hope Church donated over 1200 extras eggs, and we used their front entry way for our older kid's egg hunt. She noted we had over 107 children, 20 volunteers and 5000 eggs. She noted we added a couple food crafts, decorating cookies and Rice Krispy treats, and did a Costco breakfast. She mentioned adding in a fourth party to our yearly events and based on the calendar we had Terry Crosby (Clubhouse Manager) hold August 13th for a possible Back to School Party.

Adult's Events: Brian Katz (First Vice President) reported that the first Game Night is this upcoming Tuesday, from 7pm to 10pm. So far only a few people signed up by email, but he hopes that more will come and join us. Sandra Dale noted that having a food truck at these events may be a good idea, and Brian Katz said he'd investigate it.

Business Directory: Brian Katz (First Vice President) reported he has set up the online business directory and he's had a few people reach out so far to be added. He noted it's not just for incorporated businesses but for people who do pet sitting, dog walking, and baby-sitting as well. It's open to anyone who offers services who lives within our community. Email to submit is floridagardensbusinesses@gmail.com. He is also continuing to work through a possible pet directory as well.

Scholarship Fund: Sandra Dale (Scholarship Fund Coordinator) noted she and Michael Teets have revised the scholarship requirements and application. She is going to send a copy to the Board to review for future approval. Kimberly Serio (Secretary) asked how community service hours are being confirmed, and she noted there was no process in place, and Sandra said that was part of the revisions she made.

Old Business

Lucerne Lakes: Gary Oliwa (Director at Large) reported that the lawyers are still going back and forth with it. He noted that Lucerne Lakes is hurting for money to pay for the lawyers, and out of all the residents they have, only 70 have contributed.

New Business

L13 Canal: Gary Oliwa (Director at Large) reported that the L13 canal, located between Mango and Canton, will be cleared out starting next month according to the Lake Worth Drainage District. The issue will be the north side of the canal where there's about a 5' right-of-way and the county hasn't stated if they will be clearing that area or not. Gary suspects they will. The district started repairs to 180 miles of drainage right after hurricane Irma. They have worked their way up, completing 155 miles already, and the L13 canal is next on the list. Gary noted there was a slide presentation shown at the public meeting that was held on April 7th and he has uploaded that to our website. It has slides showing different properties and boundary lines. This canal runs from the turnpike to behind Lucerne Lakes.

Scam Attempts: Gary Oliwa (Director at Large) reported that several of our members have received an email or text stating that it is from Mike Misko (President) and asking for the person to purchase gift cards for the neighborhood because he is busy, and he will pay you back. This is a scam, and not from our Board, so please don't act on it. Justin Gwin (Treasurer) noted that our phone number and/or emails are found on our Newsletter and Website that are posted online, so people can gain access to it.

Akron Sidewalk: Spencer Palmer (Director at Large) was absent and unable to give an update.

Around The Room

Approval of By-Laws Amendment Gary Oliwa (Director at Large) reported that due to lack of a quorum we are unable to vote. Approval will be conducted by eVote.

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

Next meeting scheduled for May 12th, 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. L13 Canal: (Gary Oliwa)
3. E-Vote on Treasury By-Laws Revision: (Gary Oliwa)
4. E-Vote on Chairs (Gary Oliwa)
5. Volunteer Coordinator: (Kimberly Serio)
6. Akron sidewalk (Spencer Palmer)

New Business

1. Events Calendar (Kimberly Serio)
2. By Laws Committee (Mike Misko)

Around The Room