

Florida Gardens Civic Association

Meeting Minutes for November 9th, 2023

This meeting was called to order by Mike Misko at 8:12p.m.

Attendance: Officers: Mike Misko (President), Christine Curry (First Vice President), Sarah Harmes (Second Vice President), Justin Gwin (Treasurer), and Kimberly Serio (Secretary) were present. There were insufficient Board Members present (14) to achieve a quorum. There were 15 attendees on the sign-in sheet.

Monthly Business:

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

Treasurer's Report: Justin Gwin (Treasurer) gave the Treasurer's report. As of 10/31/23 we have \$18,068.00 in the bank account. The year-to-date Clubhouse rental income is approximately \$22,000, a little lower than the same period in 2022 which was \$24,000. Justin also noted he applied for a new credit card due to a fraudulent charge on the account.

Clubhouse Report: Terry Crosby (Clubhouse Manager) gave the Clubhouse report for October. For the month we had 17 rentals (6 residents, 1 non-resident and 9 Community Service events, 1 Community Halloween Party) providing \$2,582.16 net income for the period. Terry also noted that we are cutting down the decaying (unsafe) tree at the edge of the driveway and that the pressure cleaning of the roof and the painting of the trim and two front columns has been completed. Terry Crosby also noted that a new refrigerator has been installed.

Clubhouse Maintenance: Gary Oliwa (Director at Large) reported that he put a switch on the back flood light and replaced a couple outlet covers under the eaves. He replaced two new flood lights that he installed a few months back, due to water damage, that were still under warranty. He also fixed the marquee letter tracks that were separating from the back, put the rear hose in the back room due to damage from rentals, and he had the concrete pressure cleaned and chlorinated in advance of the Halloween party. He noted that all trash cans have paper laminated "no dog poop" signs on top of the cans that keep getting damaged, so he ordered new PVC "no dog poop" signs that will be screwed to the trash cans. Lawrence Banks advised that the signs should be moved from the lid to the front of the cans so people can see them from a distance. After a lively discussion on dog poop trash habits, Gary will secure the new signs to the front of the cans.

Newsletter: Gary Oliwa (Director at Large) reported he gave Alanna Harman and Kimberly Serio pages from the Newsletter for our upcoming Christmas Party and previous Halloween Party to review and change if needed.

Website: Gary Oliwa (Director at Large) reported that he posted the Halloween Party photos on the Website, he added the September meeting minutes, and he will put up the Christmas Party Information once he receives feedback from Alanna Harman and Kimberly Serio.

Taxes: Gary Oliwa (Director at Large) reported that he is awaiting Justin Gwin (Treasurer) to get him a check for the October Sales Tax return. Justin Gwin (Treasurer) noted he had the check with him.

Children's Events: Kimberly Serio (Secretary) reported that the Halloween Party was a success as all the children had fun. She noted that we didn't have as many kids as we did the previous year which led to some extra prizes we now have for next year. Alanna Harman noted we should change the date of our party until the Saturday that is 2 weeks prior to Halloween as there was a lot going on that weekend. Kimberly thought that was a wonderful idea, so we changed the party date on the calendar to October 19th of 2024 and will continue with that going forward. Terry Crosby also noted that with the food and drinks being outside the indoor clean up went much faster. Alanna also noted there were less golf carts. Kimberly also noted that the price of food has gone way up, and that the \$100 we saved in crafts, had to go towards the food. She noted she checked many different options on food from Publix, Dominoes, and others, and the pizza was still our best bargain. Going forward she will be mindful of the food increase and will adjust the budget accordingly. Alanna Harman noted we can step down our prizes for 2024 to help cover the difference, and Kimberly agreed. Alanna also noted that maybe next year we can combine all the

actives into one large party, including having the games set up between every few Trunk-or-Treat golf carts. Kimberly loved the idea because she doesn't have enough volunteers to run the carnival any longer. Alanna Harman also noted that we can have businesses and neighbors sign up to run games and provide the prizes for the party. Kimberly noted that's why she loved the carnival idea and wanted the kids to be able to have this fun event, but we haven't had enough volunteers to run it and that moving the carnival into the Trunk of Treat would solve that problem. Angie Bermudez noted that this year the kids were coming from both directions and there was no formal entry and exit. Alanna noted that we only did that during Covid for social distancing, but we'll investigate ideas going forward. Kimberly noted that for the Christmas Party she is preparing wreaths for the craft, there will be a few games, Santa and breakfast. Penny Spring noted that for our 50/50 event we could only accept cash, and people didn't have cash on them, and asked if by next year we can have another way. Kimberly noted that we brought in \$206.00 from the 50/50 which helped to offset some of our costs. She also noted that she is preparing a Silent Auction for Christmas and will be reaching out to local businesses for donations. Kimberly also noted that we are having a blood drive at our Christmas Party. One of our volunteers, Seanna has a sister who is battling an illness that requires her to receive both blood and platelets transfusions, and so we are offering a blood drive in her honor to give a lifesaving Christmas gift this year. Kimberly will also have a story about her for the newsletter. Angie Bermudez reminded everyone we are still doing a toy drive to give to our local fire house for Toys for Tots.

Adult's Events: Spencer Palmer (Director At Large) noted that game night is the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Old Business

Raise for Clubhouse Manager: Mike Misko (President) noted that the eVote for the pay increase for Terry Crosby (Clubhouse Manager) was approved.

BBQ Event: Mike Misko (President) said we are going to put a hold on this discussion until the next meeting.

New Business:

Holiday House Decor Contest Voting: Penny Springs noted that she had some ideas for the voting procedure to include the community. Sarah Harms (Second Vice President) noted that with the change in the Halloween Party date people won't have enough time to get ready prior to the party for voting. Gary Oliwa (Member at Large) noted that Danny Wood is the one who sponsors the Décor Contests so he should get the final say. Alanna Harman said that she will pass the ideas to Danny.

Around The Room:

There being no other business, a motion was made by Mike Misko at 8:50 p.m. to adjourn and it was unanimous.

Our next meeting is scheduled for December 14, 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

December 14, 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 & Blood Drive: (Kimberly Serio)
9. Adult's Events: (Brian Katz)

Old Business Updates

1. New Year's Eve BBQ (Mike Misko/Alanna Harman)

New Business

Around The Room

Officer Elections