

Florida Gardens Civic Association

Minutes of the November 14th, 2019 Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 8:02 p.m.

Officers Present: Spencer Palmer (President), Kim Kahant (1st Vice President), Gary Oliwa (2nd Vice President), Chris Jenson (Treasurer), Angie Bermudez (Secretary).

Minutes: of the October 10th, 2019 meeting were distributed. Accepted: 1st Marian French, 2nd Gary Marcinkoski.

Treasurer's Report: was given by Chris Jenson. Accepted: 1st Terry Crosby, 2nd Alanna Harman.

Old & New Business:

- Terry Crosby asked when the Clubhouse would be painted. She needs a heads-up on the date, so it doesn't conflict with her meeting agenda with potential renters. Spencer Palmer said it would be this year for sure. We have a lot of money in the treasury that should be used in this calendar year.
- Penny Spring asked that we investigate getting a digital marque. Spencer said they are not that reliable. Penny mentioned Panther Run Middle School has one that's always working. Kim Kahant said she would investigate pricing.
- Chris Jenson reported our bank balance as \$24,818.66. Outstanding checks total \$2,281.00. FGCA property taxes were \$478.71 for 2019.
- Terry Crosby reported she received 147 phone calls and had 19 appointments. For October, there were 6 rentals and 2 cancellations. Even with the Kids Halloween Party, we made \$2,400.00. The clubhouse is rented every weekend and some weekdays for the rest of the year.
- Gary Oliwa reported the November newsletter is almost ready. Waiting on New Year's Eve social information. All the Halloween party pictures are up on the website. Gary is keeping a one year running of pictures.
- Spencer Palmer said he wanted to again thank Gary for all the hard work he puts into the newsletter and website. It used to cost us \$600.00 for every newsletter printing. With Gary taking over producing the newsletter and with all the new advertising, we are making a little money instead of paying the \$600.00 monthly fee.
- Gary gave thanks to Sue Guthrie who is the advertising coordinator. Sue really does an excellent job, beating the bushes to get the new ads.
- Spencer Palmer mentioned the many hours Gary put into the beautiful color newsletter and website maintenance. Spencer suggested Gary be compensated for this work. He would like to discuss the amount at the next meeting.
- Spencer gave thanks Marian French and Kimberly Serior for a successful Halloween Party. Spencer said he counted over 120 kids. He gave additional thanks to all the volunteers.

- Spencer is still waiting on quotes for the fence. He will have the pricing at our next meeting. Spencer is also working on painting quotes for the Clubhouse. He hasn't had much luck with FG vendors and will now look outside our neighborhood.
- Gary Oliwa reported the FG property survey we requested was done. Palm Beach Country denied our request for the concrete pathway. The reasons given were: 1) they do not allow more than two access point to the road per property (we already have two with our current drive way), and 2) we can't go through the swale with a solid concrete pathway. We can build the pathway with pavers and no permit is required.
- Spencer mentioned Kim Kahant will run the Kids Christmas Party. Kim said she would get all the food and whatever else is needed. She does need help with set-up and at the party. Set-up is Friday the 13th from 6:30 to 7:30. The party starts at 10 am. the 14th. Santa will arrive about 10:15. We will also be doing "Toys for Tots" again this year. Unwrapped toys may be dropped off at the clubhouse during setup on Friday. Or you may contact any of the officers or street reps. if you can't make Friday.
- The daytime Christmas Golf Cart Parade will start at 1 pm. on the 14th. The nighttime parade will start at 7pm. Spencer is requesting help with security at the intersections for the night parade. Please contact him if you are available. Gary Oliwa will put the request in the newsletter and on the Nextdoor App as well.
- Spencer Palmer is having more Cornhole boards made. He said he's only had a couple people contact him with interest in a competition, so we don't have a date yet. Gary will also put it in the newsletter. We currently have February 8th, 2020, as a date for our FG BBQ/Food Truck event. This would be a good date for the Cornhole competition as well.
- Gary Oliwa brought up the New Years Eve social at the clubhouse. Spencer mentioned we had discussed not having it because not many people attend. He would like to keep this event going. It's one of the few adults-only parties we have. Even though we advertise these events in the newsletter, on the Nextdoor App. and the website, we unfortunately have the same few or less people every year.
- Christmas luminaries were discussed. While most enjoy them, we've had very few volunteers willing to help with distribution Christmas Eve. It's much too big a job for just a handful of people and over 700 homes. Gary Oliwa mentioned this is something the street reps should be doing. If not themselves, then getting a committee to put them out and light them at dusk. But again, we can't get enough volunteers.
- We had an open discussion of the difficulty of getting street reps. to attend the meetings. Many are only interested in delivering the newsletter. This is one of the reasons we have people representing streets they don't live on.
- Spencer reminded everyone elections will be held at the December meeting. Spencer asked for elections coordinators. Marion French and Penny Spring volunteered. All positions are open.
- Al Harrison donated a double-sided POW/MIA flag for the clubhouse. He told us there are 7-10 days throughout the year that no flag may be flown under this Flag.
- Motion to adjourn at 9:10 pm, 1st Ed Ridolph, 2nd Chris Jenson.
- Next meeting December 12th, 2019.