

**Lido Key Residents Association
Membership Meeting
November 20, 2021**

Carl Shoffstall called the meeting to order at 10:00.

He then introduced our Board members and thanked John Haviaras of Ocean Properties the room and food for this meeting.

PROGRAM

Ryan Murphy-Operations Manager for Sarasota County Emergency Management

Ryan addressed the members with a power point presentation on community response teams (CERT). [CERT](#) is a program developed in 1985 to train civilians to mobilize and respond during emergencies. It became a national program in 1993 recognized and supported by FEMA. This program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazard that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations. These teams provide a coordinated approach within the community that professional responders can rely on during disaster situations allowing them to focus on more complex tasks and to assist neighbors during an emergency when first responders are not immediately available. Currently one of our members, Joe Kandola is the only trained volunteer on any of the barrier islands. Anyone who would like to be trained and become a volunteer can contact Ryan Murphy at mrmurphy@scgov.net.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Presidents Report (Carl Shoffstall)

- Sarasota County voted on a re-districting map that will allow us to vote in the upcoming election,
- The roundabout is progressing
- A professional beach volleyball tournament is being held this weekend on Lido Beach

Treasurer Report (Jim Ludwig)

Jim Ludwig reported a balance of \$28,288 in the operating account and \$23,990.42 in the legal account.

Secretary Report (Kathy Kussy)

Kathy Kussy introduced our newest member, Jim Ludwig who was appointed to fill an opening on the board. He and five other members are up for election in February. All members have indicated that they are willing to stay on the board. Since we currently have a full slate, we would need to know if anyone is planning to run for the board by the January because it would require a ballot vote.

Programs Report (Beth Dilworth)

The board is seeking suggestions for future meetings.

Social Committee Report (Kathy Kussy)

Meet and Greets are held the second Tuesday of each month from November through May at 5 o'clock at the Holiday Inn. We had a great turnout for our first event in November.

Membership (Heidi Brandt)

Membership is currently at 455 households and 752 members of the LRKA. If you are not getting regular email notices, go to the website under "[News / Email and Newsletter](#)" and send us your email address.

Newsletter (Bruce Abramowitz)

Thank to Bruce for another great "[Lido Key Matters](#)" newsletter in October.

Website (Jessie Hayre/Jim Ludwig)

Members are encouraged to visit our updated website ([LKRA.org](#)). The city has said it is better than theirs for information. You can also renew your membership on the site.

Old Business:

- Chris Goglia spoke to members about the plans St Armands residents are pursuing regarding Hotel Houses and Home Sharing. He thanked LKRA for their support.

New Business:

- A committee of Lido beach board members and residents is planning for a 50th LKRA Anniversary Gala in 2022. More information will be available at the January Meeting,
- A committee will be meeting with representatives from Booker HS to set up a scholarship program,
- There is a proposal to widen Coon Key Bridge lanes,
- Carl is chairing the Penny Sales Tax Committee,
- Jen Ahearn Koch shared her phone number and email address for input from members: 941-914-7646; jen.ahearnkoch@sarasotafl.gov,
- Three new proposals for the development of the Filmore parking lot have been submitted-none of the new proposals increase the height limit.

The meeting adjourned at 11:31.