

FLOA meeting minutes for the Board of Directors Meeting Saturday

September 16, 2023, at the Forest Lakes Community Center

Board Members in attendance – Judy Nelson, Shane Williams, Cal Phillips, Ron Williams and Rhonda Walters

Board Members Absent – Shari Massion, Donna Brunton, James DePriest and Quentin Tolby

The Board President, Judy Nelson, called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The Secretary minutes from August 2023 were approved. Shane Williams moved to accept the minutes and Ron Williams 2nd the motion. It was unanimous with 5 Ayes and no Nays, the motion passed.

Shane Williams presented the Treasurers Report. Shane reported we have approximately \$75,000 income. The Labor Day events income had not been finalized yet. The income from “The Square” is still lagging. He did give estimates including the rummage sale made over \$16,000, Pancake breakfast made \$2335 and the Bake Sale \$767.00. Cal Phillips moved to accept the report and Rhonda Walters 2nd the motion. It was a unanimous vote with all 5 board members voting Aye and no Nays.

Committee Reports

Facilities-

Cal Phillips gave the facilities report. He said there were no major projects this month. He did suggest we replace the 8 tent canopies as Costco has them on sale right now. Shane Williams made a motion to spend up to \$3,000.00 to replace the 8 canopy tents that are 20 years old, subject to availability. Rhonda Walters 2nd motion. It was a unanimous vote with 5 Ayes and no Nays.

History Room – Patti Phillips spoke of the new addition to the history room, a long article about back in the very early days of Forest Lakes. There is a lot to see in the history room and many new pictures added to the slide show.

Events -

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 9/16/23 at the Community Center. Shane Williams prepared dinner for 80, he has 75 RSVPs currently. A dance will follow the dinner in the "Q" with Alexis Long as the DJ. Scott Keele reported he has had approx 20 people at the line dancing class on Thursday nights. Everyone should be ready to show off what they have learned!

Highway Clean Up. Judy Summers gave an update on the last cleanup; 27 people helped. She wanted everyone to know how much she appreciated their assistance and to take the time to come out. Shane Williams stated that he has purchased new trash "grabbers" to replace some of the old non-working grabbers.

Elections for the 3 open Board Positions were held. Cal Phillips, Shane Williams and Quentin Tolby's 3-year terms were up. Cal Phillips said he would be willing to continue and run as a Board Member. Patti Phillips introduced the nominees for the 3 open positions -

Cal Phillips, Scott Keele and Dino Cerchie. Judy Nelson asked 3 times if there were any other nominees that wanted to step up and run. No one responded. Cindy Schaider motioned to accept the slate of candidates as presented, Judy Summers 2nd the motion. Everyone was in favor, all Ayes and no Nays. Election complete – Welcome all new members!

2024 Board Members -

Judy Nelson – President

Cal Phillips – Vice President

Rhonda Walters – Secretary

Dino Ceriche - Treasurer

Board members – Scott Keele, Shari Massion, Donna Brunton, Ron Williams and James DePriest

The drawing for the Piecemakers Quilt was presented by the president of the Piecemakers Quilt Club, Cindy Schaider. The ticket was pulled from the cage of tickets, Julia Berry is the winner! Julia was not present, Cindy Schaider will call to let her know and arrange to get the quilt to her.

The State of FLOA Report for 2023 was presented by Judy Nelson. She reported that FLOA had sponsored 2 pancake breakfasts, 2 Rummage Sales, 2 Bake Sales, 3 Community Markets, Fabulous 4th, 2 Highway Clean ups, Volunteer Appreciation dinner & dance, and many other activities including but not limited to cards, bunko, dance lessons, chair yoga and family game nights.

Membership is down from 2022. This year the membership drive was put out through email, the FLOA.club site, a booth at the community markets and the monthly newsletter. There was an option to mail a check, pay online with the payment link provided or pay with cash or check. Even with all the ways to be alerted to the membership drive FLOA membership is down approx 150 past members. We have gained approx 30 new members this year. The budgeted amount to be brought in from membership dues was \$19,000 and the actual amount brought in for 2023 including donations was \$21,000. Judy and Rhonda will brainstorm how to reach more members next year. We may need to request updated email and phone contact information from all members. A Membership Committee may be formed.

FLOA had a booth at the Forest Lakes Fire Department Open House. We offer a free booth space at the FLOA sponsored events for any of the other local civic community organizations.

Judy reminded everyone FLOA members can rent the FLOA House for their own private event at \$20 an hour. The usage request form can be found at FLOA.club. The usage request form will be updated to show that liquor will be allowed if proper procedures are followed. You are not able to charge for alcohol, you must provide insurance to cover your private event. Shane reported there is a link on the usage form to a couple insurance companies offering this type of insurance and he felt it was at a very reasonable rate.

FLOA donated to the Forest Lakes library \$400.00 to support the children's summer reading program.

Gabrielle Murphy gave a mushroom lecture at the FLOA house and had a great turn out even on a rainy day. Approximately 30 people showed up.

Judy stated FLOA is very thankful to all the volunteers as we could not function without them. Many hands make quick work!

AZ Dept of Public Safety has requested to build a new communication facility at the Mogollon Communications Site to assist with safety communications. This will consist of a 150 ft tower, shelter and equipment to operate the site. The location will be near Forest Rd 300 near the Rim Campground.

APS Update – APS is building a whole community generator out on the 237 road, and it is supposedly near completion. Their goal is to have it up and running prior to winter this year!

Forest Lakes Church gave a \$500 check and a Thank you card for appreciation in FLOA letting them use the facility for Vacation Bible School.

Public Comments -

1)Are there any plans to upgrade the Frontier Communications Internet? Judy advised there is a new company called TRIAD, it is not available everywhere in Forest Lakes yet.

2)Judy Summers reported the Forest Service has thinned and cut trees to make it firesafe on the North Side of SR260. Judy brought up the point that the wind predominantly comes from the Southwest and is concerned that the Southside really needs to have the fire safe thinning and cutting of the trees. Judy claims it has been 3 years since they have done any thinning on the Southside.

3)Cindy Schaidler reminded everyone there are 2 more “Chair Yoga” sessions to attend.

4)Someone asked about the County Sponsored community dumpster. She believes it will be in the Spring, maybe May.

5)Patti Phillips reported there is one more game night on 9/27.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Rhonda Walters, secretary. The next Public meeting will be in the Spring of 2024. The FLOA board will meet in person or by zoom throughout the winter.