

Tropics Residents' Club Board Meeting

January 8, 2015

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm

1. **Meeting called to order by President Dave Hughes**
2. **All Board members were present except Debbie and Jayme (excused)**
3. **There was a quorum**
4. **Guests included:** Barry Lependorf, Steve Evens, Helen Cummins, Larry Cornell, Beatriz Corley, Joyce Giovannoni, Fred Barker, and Kathy Lighthill
5. **Minutes for the:**
General Meeting 12/14/14 were read and approve
Emergency Meeting 12/20/14 were read and approved
6. **Treasures' Report:**
Tropics Fun Fund— just received bank statement. Beginning balance of \$6,402.98. Ending Balance of \$4,808.91 Need to check or accuracy with the statement will have by General Meeting
Traveler's' fund: Beginning Balance of \$1,323.91, Paid American Tours \$950, Ending Balance of \$373.91. A discussion of the Hostess paying for her trip followed. The motion will be brought up later that will clarify this discussion
7. **Correspondence:**
Debbie Anand submitted her resignation to the Board effective immediately. The letter was received today. We have an open position on the board and we have 30 days to fill that position
8. **Old and Unfinished Business:**
 - a. A bill for Hayward Rubber Stamp was submitted. Richard has a copy of the order that Carolyn Gielow submitted to them for more badges while she was secretary. Carlos made a motion to pay the \$91.56 and Jerry seconded the motion. The motion was passed and the bill given to Ervin to pay.
 - b. The By-laws committee does not have anything ready until the February meeting
 - c. The representative for the security cameras was here today. When he gives us a quote to repair or replace, the quote will be given to Nancy who will turn it over to Karen Shrum.
 - d. Microphones are working. Batteries seem to be the problem. One of the microphones had short and was sent back. Details are still in the works. Richard will buy quality batteries from Costco.
 - e. A discussion of the board members following proper procedures according to the by-laws and Robert's Rules of Order. ie this Board meeting and Richard booking entertainment for Chinese New Year. It was noted after discussion and all members will try to abide closer to the rules and not just because of "past practice"
 - f. Need a chairperson for the Community Improvement Committee was brought up again. After the explanation of what the committee chairman was responsible, Jerry volunteered to accept the position.

- g. A discussion of the Dinners to be put on the calendar. The secretary will provided a calendar of upcoming events that was decided up on. We need people to volunteer to chair these events.

9. New Business:

- a. Wish List. We need to have a wish list to Mr. Turk by May so he can present it to the city. Suggestions are listed below after much discussion
 - a. Joyce Giovannoni mentioned the landscaping the guest parking area – Dave suggested to take this up with the new Maintaince manager Jim.
 - b. The repair of the sky lights that were damaged five years ago
 - c. New furniture for the conference room
 - d. Better lighting for the park – That was approved last year, need to follow-up on previous approved “wish list” items Dining hall lighting, flooding issue at 37 Palm
 - e. Larry Cornell – need new windows at the B-Bug, new lights, also a hot water tank
 - f. Richard – On demand hot water tank for the kitchen
 - g. Fred suggested that we add inquires to wish list not just item
- b. An involved discussion about the garden waste. And who uses it and control and cost Karen Shrum will be contacted about these problems.
- c. Parking is still an issue and our new security people are not doing anything
- d. Tropic Travelers – Dave moved that Cathy Lighthill take full charge of the Travelers account, i.e. arrangements, banking, and writing checks. Richard seconded the motion. The motion passed. The secretary is to provide a copy of these minutes to take to the back to add her name to the account. ASAP. Carlos brought up about Cathy paying for the trips. Jerry moved that the hostess does not have to pay for the trips and reimburse Cathy for the last trip. Carlos second the motion. Motion passed. Ervin brought up that there is not much money in the fund. Dave brought up that the Snack bar was set up to help out the Travelers fund if needed.

10. Upcoming events:

- a. January Breakfast is this Saturday, have some students. Would like to put up a poster to ask for volunteers
- b. Chinese New Year – Ervin said that we need to make sure the food is authentic.
- c. February Breakfast –
- d. Hobo Night – Jayme would like to have \$200 for a costume contest. Richard moved that we give Jayme the \$200. Lawrence seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- e. Casino night – Dave asked for \$300 for gifts to be purchased. Richard moved that we give the money and Carlos seconded the motion. The motion passed

11. Other business:

Ceramics Club – sent a letter about the breeze editor not including them because of space. A discussion followed about shortening the flyers and articles that can be condensed. The only full pages should be the minutes. Dave will contact Pete about consolidation.

Carlos brought up about the rewards.

Richard passed out a copy of a budget and cash flow for examination. Not for discussion tonight

Barry asked about new board member attendance.

Helen was thanked for helping the Snack Bar.

Lawrence moved that we adjourn and was seconded by Richard. Meeting adjourned at 8:35

Approved at General Meeting 1-15-15