

Palm Beach National Civic Association, Inc.
Area Rep & Officer Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 8, 2009
7:30PM

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Steve Krupa, President. Everyone introduced themselves. A quorum was present to conduct the meeting. A warm welcome was given to Steve as PBNCA's new president.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The meeting minutes from February, 17, 2009 were not available at this time. They will be presented for approval at the next area rep meeting.

III. OFFICERS REPORTS

Treasurer's Report: Dawn Dickerson, Treasurer was not present at this meeting so there was not a formal treasurer's report. Steve will contact Dawn to coordinate membership dues collection and obtain an up to date accounting.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Scholarship: Sue Amateis, scholarship committee chairperson, was not present at this meeting. Steve will contact Sue in order to obtain the information on an initial meeting for the teens, usually held in November and also get the dates for the Food Drive and the Toy Drive usually held in December. All this information should go into the upcoming newsletter.

Steve announced that Ed Smith has resigned as chairperson of the Crime Watch Committee and COP program. He has sold his house and will be moving out of PBN. Best wishes will be given to Ed. He will be missed. Barb Susco volunteered to be our COP program contact. We need to keep the crime reports coming in.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

Membership: Membership sheets will be handed out with the newsletters. Area Reps need to be diligent in making sure that these get distributed to everyone and a follow up would help. Steve reminded everyone that our fiscal year runs from June 1st to May 31st. We are already 4 months into the New Year.

An inquiry was made why the dues had increased to \$30.00 up \$5.00 from last year. Alice Hodach stated that before the Annual Meeting in May, Dawn Dickerson and she reviewed the 2008/2009 budget and the Association ended the year with a \$1,200 deficit. In 2010, the Association was intending on publishing a new directory and some signs need to be replaced. These additional anticipated costs plus making up the deficit is why the dues were raised. Steve reminded us that in order to be an active civic association, we must have 51% of the households become members.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. NEW PROGRAMS:

a. **Neighbors in Need Program.** Cindy Wilson presented a flyer on two fundraisers on behalf of Lori Frye, one of our neighbors on St. Andrews, who is gravely ill from the H1N1 virus. This information will be placed in the newsletter. A new column that will be regularly featured will be Neighbors in Need. Alice Hodach presented to Steve another neighbor from Oakmont that is battling a rare type of breast cancer. This information will also be in the newsletter.

b. Cindy also introduced **P.B.N. Jamm:** Palm Beach National Just Another Mom's Meetup, featuring an opportunity in meeting other moms and families in our neighborhood for playgroups and socialization.. This information will also be listed in the newsletter.

B. CIVIC ACTIVITIES

a. **Neighborhood Garage Sale:** Discussion held on bringing back the Neighborhood Garage Sale. It had been cancelled upon the request of a majority members present at the semiannual meeting a few years back. There was fear that it was bringing crime into the community. Discussion regarding this topic. It was decided that it would be a good idea to have this event again, especially during these tough economic times. Date was set for Saturday November 7th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. PBN will advertise in the paper. Alice Hodach brought up the idea of setting

up the tent at Skokie and selling refreshments and possibly donuts in AM and hot dogs in PM. Percentages of the profits made could be given to PBN for a worthy cause to be determined by the Area Reps and Board.

b. **Adult Social:** Discussion held. Date set for November 7th, since the tent will already be set up for the garage sale and the grill and coolers will also be set up. Gaye Rhode has stepped down from being chairperson. Alice stated that she is sure we can pool together our resources for the social utilizing any leftovers food from the afternoon and possibly having everyone bring a side dish. Buck Smith offered to provide grill.

c. **Halloween Event:** Mandy Krupa offered to contact Mary Kay Willson to see if she wanted to chair this event as she has done in the past. Mary Kay will set the date and the information will be provided in the newsletter.

d. **Holiday Events:** Will be planned at a later meeting. Buck Smith offered to contact Buddy Yarbrough regarding the use of his fire engine. Food and Toy Drives will be set up by Sue Amateis.

C. EMAIL PBNCA IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Steve stated that there is a need to get full formal names for the e-mail list. At this time, some e-mail addresses do not have a formal name, so we do not know to whom they are being sent to. A request will be made on the next e-blast to have the recipients provide this information back to the Krupas and also give the recipients the opportunity to be taken off the list.

Steve stated that in the last month there has been increased illegal activities in the neighborhood. Just in the past few weeks, there has been random burglaries throughout the neighborhood. E-mails have been going out to the e-blast group. There also was a lost child and lost pets reported and e-blasted in August.

D. INSTALLATION OF GATES

Discussion held on this subject. Alice Hodach stated that since we are not a homeowner's association with mandatory dues from everyone, funding and maintaining such a project would be impossible. Our community also has too many access points. Topic was tabled.

E. NEXT NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

Newsletter will be written by Steve and Mandy Krupa. Distribution goal will be in two weeks, circa September 19th.

F. NEXT MEETING ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Steve will line up the date for the Semi Annual meeting. It was brought up that the Golf Course is under new management and this might change how we are welcomed to hold our two meetings at the clubhouse. Steve will check into this.

Steve suggested that Gates on Lake Worth Drainage District (LWDD) Right of Way should be one of the topics at the Semi Annual Meeting. Possibly a guest speaker could be brought in to speak about this topic. This upcoming year, the Association will be encountering the FDOT turnpike widening project and noise associated issues. Pam Collins mentioned that the school boundary issue will probably reoccur again. Steve also mentioned that we have to keep a vigilant watch out for the City of Greenacres, who could be considering annexing our community.

G. NEXT MEETING. Steve set the next meeting date for Tuesday, November 17th at 7:30 p.m

VI. ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION ITEMS

Olga Ulloa stated that she had been contacted by Steve Levinson, head of the council for Bioterrorism Attacks. He is very interested in speaking with us to designate our community as a staging area in the event of a bioterrorism attack or other emergency situation that will require fast distribution of vaccines or other items to the public.

Discussion held and it was decided to get a little more serious about this offer. Olga will obtain more information for the next meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Hodach
Secretary