

MEETING MINUTES

PBNCA SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

JANUARY 21, 2016

7:00 p.m. at Palm Beach National Golf Course Club

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM:

Meeting was called to order by President, Steve Krupa. A quorum of the residents was established. President, Steve Krupa welcomed everyone for attending meeting and introduced the area reps.

GUEST SPEAKER, Len Richard of COPS Program

Mr. Richard discussed the role of the COPS program: To observe and Report Only. Not to get into confrontations. They are only supposed to give us information on who to call. They call in suspicious activity. Stop at accident scenes, set up cones. Responding to Alzheimer patients makes up a lot of their calls. They carry no weapons.

Requirements: Valid drivers license, clean record, permanent resident, good physical condition, must be able to drive a vehicle. 12 hours training, of which 90% is how to be safe and not get into confrontations or a dangerous situation.

Hours: Approximately 3 hours per week and one meeting per month at Covered Bridge. Deputy at the meeting gives a report of the crimes from the past month.

Crime Mapping App – useful for give you information and map.

Mr. Richard left brochures for anyone interested in volunteering for COPS.

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Current balance is \$6,833.15. We have 97 member households. Our goal is 200 for 50%.

During the membership drive, \$450 was donated to the scholarship fund.

SIDEWALKS – The new sidewalks have been completed. Mr. Krupa thanked Buck Smith and Karen Petrella for pushing forward with the County on this 3-year process.

WATER LINES – Our lines are 50 years old in some areas. We requested a Fire Flow Study from Palm Beach County Fire Rescue. The Study findings stated that there are 4” pipes throughout most of the neighborhood. It will cost \$1 to 2 million to upgrade our neighborhood with 6-inch lines and fire hydrants. The report is at Palm Beach County Water Utilities on Pinehurst. You can come view it but they do not allow copies to be made for security.

We want to have a County Utilities representative at our April meeting. Hopefully they can give us an update.

FIRE RESCUE CERTIFICATE – The Fire Rescue Certificate is posted on our website. Download this certificate from our website www.pbnca.com and check with your insurance company. One attendee reported that his insurance dropped \$800/year after giving this certificate to his insurance provider.

SPEED ANALYSIS – The website has the latest study results. Brian Smith was instrumental in getting Commissioner Burdick to a special meeting at the elementary school. The police issued tickets for a while, with short-term results. Speeding continues to be a problem.

BARBEQUE – to be at Okeeheelee Park in the Tuskegee Pavilion on February 20. This year we are adding a bounce house and a balloon magician.

NEED FOR NEW OFFICERS –David Ehlers emphasized the need for people to step up and serve as officers. Steve and Mandy have served for 8 years and will be stepping down in April.

POWER OF A LARGER GROUP – Steve reported that Commissioner Burdick said that our group is too small and recommended joining up with other groups as they have done in Boca and Boynton. They form Supergroups of seven to eight HOAs. One example is COBRA. We can look into joining one of these. It costs \$75 to register with the state.

We have notified the city of Greenacres of our existence and we have also a letter to be signed by St. Andrews Glen's officers as well. When they do we will send that out to local governments. The intent is to let them know we are here as a cohesive group and want to be notified of any potential changes that may impact our area, so that we can have a voice in the process.

One of these projects is the Turnpike expansion – This is a \$23 million expansion to 8 lanes; the idea of a soundwall is still on the plate.

CRIME UPDATE – Barb Susco reported that he had a break-in on Veterans Day. They got fingerprints and DNA, and the DNA was recently matched. The burglar was caught. He has to make restitution. He was only charged with “Trespassing”.

PBN FACEBOOK GROUPS – Mary Kay reported on the success of these groups for quick communication and gave an example how PBN PETS helped her neighbor find their dog within minutes. She thanked Julia Gomes for starting PBN PETS. She recommends Facebook for this use. It is a very good tool and a really good reason to use social media.

JULIA GOMES added that if you have a handyman, electrician, lawn company, etc. that you would recommend, you can let the neighborhood know. She said it would be a good ide to have a post area on our website for sharing information. The new neighborhood directory will also be a good place for this.

Julia also brought up Ellie's encounter with the rattlesnake and reported that PBC does not have a venom response unit / snake response unit. It took a long time to get a snake handler out to Ellie's house to remove the 5-foot rattlesnake from her garden.

EVENT RECAPS – Steve thanked Blakely Wilson and the Wilson family for heading up the Halloween event. He also thanked Buddy Yarbrough and the PBFOOLS for the Christmas event. PBFOOLS gave the extra toys and donations from the event to kids at a children's' hospital.

ADULT SOCIALS – we discussed the need to buy a tent and revive the adult socials.

NEXT MEETING – to be in April. Karen Petrella suggested starting with at meet&greet at 6:00, prior to the meeting. We could serve sandwiches and drinks. A motion was made, seconded and passed.

Steve thanked Margaret, the server who is working tonight for our meeting. He also thanked Karen Petrella for her contributions and for coordinating the meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Mandy Krupa