

LAKE POINTE VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

November 5, 2012

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Present: President JoAnn Clifford; Vice President Gerri Whiteman; Secretary Connie Cowling; Directors Sue Buckley, Bob Hensler, Charlotte Packard and Bob Richardson

Absent: Treasurer Joan Wang and Vice President Peter Smith

Invocation

Given by Nelson Deming

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Bob Hensler

Credential Report

Barbara Florek reported that there were 64 members present.

Approval of Agenda

JoAnn Clifford said she wanted to add two items to the agenda under new business (strobe lights and R&R Golf Carts). A motion to approve tonight's agenda with these additions was made by Verlie Farrell; the motion was seconded by Ronnie Ramos; all in favor; motion carried.

Guest Speaker

Christy Ford from the Polk County Guardian ad Litem Program thanked everyone for the opportunity to speak at tonight's meeting. She explained that the program is a state non-profit program which advocates for the rights of children in foster care. There are over 1800 Polk County children in foster care at present. Of those 1800, there are over 600 children on the waiting list to get into the Guardian ad Litem Program. Volunteers in the program are there to represent the children in court. Cases flow so much better and don't get hung up in the judicial system when there are guardians there to represent the children. Parents in these situations get an attorney but sometimes there is no one there to speak for the child. The program and the guardians have one concern and that is the best interest of the children. A volunteer guardian will visit a child at least once a month. The guardian has access to their medical and school records to see what needs there are that must be met. To be a guardian, all it takes is to love children and to help take care of their needs during the difficult times. The program provides thorough training. Mrs. Ford left brochures and information for anyone who is interested in becoming a volunteer guardian.

Secretary's Report

Approval of Minutes of the Last Meeting

A motion to approve the minutes of the October meeting was made by Roberta Zdankowski; Russell Hawkins seconded the motion; all in favor; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

In Joan Wang's absence, JoAnn Clifford reported the following:

9/30/2012	Cash Balance	\$34,643.05
	Receipts	1,547.60
	Disbursements	<u>1,451.54</u>
10/31/2012	Cash Balance	\$34,739.11

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

The motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Bette Horn and seconded by Russell Hawkins. There was no discussion; all in favor; motion passed.

President's Report

JoAnn Clifford explained that the appeals' hearing regarding property tax increases was postponed until December 6. It will be held at 2:30 p.m. in the County Commissioner's Office in Bartow.

Unfinished Business

None

Committee Reports

Communications

Everyone should have received the new newsletter.

The website is still up and running. We are still accepting web sponsors' ads for \$150.00 per year.

FMO/LIC

Sue Buckley said there was no LIC meeting in October. Sue did, however, attend the FMO meeting. Marsha Faux, Polk County Property Appraiser, explained the increase in real estate taxes. Many parks were sold recently and it became necessary for the county to reassess their value. Apparently, compared to other parks in the area, we did pretty well. Some parks which were recently purchased had real estate taxes increase as much as 89%.

Sue explained that FMO, like our HOA, is having difficulty getting members to join. Their membership is really down and they are very concerned. If FMO no longer exists, then it is very likely that F.S. 723 will no longer exist and parks like ours will be regulated under the landlord/tenant statute which would greatly reduce our rights as homeowners.

Nominations Bob Richardson said there are candidates for every office but secretary. He encouraged members to sign up to run for office.

Welcome

Charlotte Packard welcomed the following new residents:

Kerry and Vito Paladino
335 Lake Huron Drive

Gene and Linda Dolan
378 Lake Erie Lane

Gary and Brenda Metheny
237 Lake Huron Drive

David and Karen Champ
105 Lake Pointe Drive

Activities

Al McNeill said the Activities Group met on October 15 to finalize the December calendar. He mentioned that Ronnie Ramos is going to head up a new activity, Bright & Shiny II. Ronnie says she's not quite got it all organized yet, but we look forward to hearing more from her about this at the next HOA meeting.

The next Activities meeting will be on Monday, November 19, at which time they will plan the January calendar and hold their election of officers.

Bingo **Al McNeill** said bingo contributed \$500.00 to the Mulberry Community Service Center in addition to all of the canned goods and non-perishable food items that everyone donated.

Community Projects **Ann Bennett** thanked everyone for everything they donated and all they did to help this group with their many projects this year. She added that they will be needing help with their chicken dinner next year, so please contact her if you will be able to help out. The dinner will be held on January 24, 2013. It is their big fundraiser for the year.

Ann said they will be putting out the flags again for Veterans' Day.

Dance **Pat Allen** thanked everyone who attended the dinner dance last month. The next dance will be on November 17 with Tony and Trish entertaining. Tickets are \$7.00 per person and on sale at Saturday morning coffee.

Pat said that the New Year's Eve dinner dance sign-up sheet will be posted very soon. The entertainment will be by Double Destiny. Tickets are \$25.00 per person.

Tickets to dances beginning on February 16, 2013 will be \$7.50 per person.

Entertainment

Unlimited **JoAnn Clifford** said they have had no performers booked for this year. They are working on getting some acts for next year plus some possible bus trips to Biloxi, New Orleans, Myrtle Beach, etc.

JoAnn said that the Herchenroethers and the Cliffords will be preparing and hosting a Christmas dinner this year. The dinner will be on Christmas Day at 3:00 p.m. and tickets will be \$8.00 per person. They will be serving roast beef, roasted potatoes, vegetable, rolls, coffee, tea and dessert.

Grand Prix **Bob Buckles** said that he and Russell Hawkins will again be co-chairs of the Grand Prix races which will be held on the first Sunday in March. If you are interested you can get your car kit from Bob or Russell for \$5.00 which includes the entrance fee.

Needlework **Marty Ayersman** invited everyone to join the needlework group which meets on Tuesday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. in the activities room.

Pot Luck **Bette Horn** said the Halloween breakfast was a success and that we are now above the half-way point on fundraising for the treadmill.

She and her sister Verlie will be hosting a Thanksgiving dinner on November 22, at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$6.00 per person and they are on sale at Saturday morning coffee.

Bette added that there will be a potluck this month on November 15. Everyone is invited and they request that you bring a dish to share with at least 10 people. She said that the January potluck will be soup, salad, sandwich and sweets.

New Business

JoAnn Clifford said that the Sunshine Committee is now being handled by Barbara Duguay.

She said that R&R Golf Carts, vendors at our last Home Show, have requested a time to come back and make a presentation. They will be here on November 28 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. when they will hold a clinic for golf carts. If you have any questions about your golf cart, bring it up to the clubhouse at that time.

HOA dues will be collected at the December 3rd meeting. The dues are \$15.00 per year. You must pay these dues by January in order to vote at our Annual Meeting in February.

JoAnn said Gerri Whiteman received a question regarding the strobe lights people used to put in their windows when they called for an emergency vehicle. She did find a source for these lights and if we get between 25 and 50 people to order them the price will be \$17.50 each. Let Gerri know if you are interested in purchasing one of these lights. Also, if your house numbers are worn or not visible from the street, they should be replaced.

JoAnn then reported that the board is proposing that since we don't get enough people to make our meetings worthwhile, we would like to have only four meetings per year. They would be held in January, February, April and November. After some discussion, a motion was made by Russell Hawkins to have only four HOA meetings per year, beginning in 2013. The motion was seconded by Ella Crittenden; all in favor; motion carried. The meetings will be held in January, February, April and November beginning January 2013. There will still be a meeting on December 3, 2012.

Announcements

Board of Directors Meeting	November 26, 2012 at 7:00 pm
Homeowners Association Meeting	December 3, 2012 at 7:00 pm

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Frank Dougherty and seconded by Sue Buckley; all in favor; motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Cowling
Secretary

