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FLORIDIAN BOARD MEETING Jan. 7, 2010 9:00AM PGICA

In attendance were Judy Berger, Bill Schindler, JoAnn Gulvezan, Judy Denham, Brenda McGinnis, Cynthia Cowdrey, Mary Mazur, Sharon Long, Diane Lowy, Sandy Helt, Elaine Struk, Dave Gleason and John Miller.

Treasurer Report

JoAnn reported that 90 members have paid their 2010 dues, 4 are new members. There is a Balance of \$2270.00 which is \$16.00 more than we had at this point in 2009.

JoAnn has prepared a budget for 2010.

Membership

Mary will be at the Jan. 11 meeting with stickers for anyone without name tags and stars to identify new members. She will also take orders for new name tags.

Committees

Food and Friends

Diane and Sharon reported that we currently have one host for a Jan. 29 dinner, the Gleasons, who can accommodate 10 including themselves.

Cynthia Cowdrey volunteered to host on Jan. 22 if needed.

There will be sign ups for hosts as well as guests at the Jan. 11 meeting.

Lunch Bunch

Cynthia has 28 women signed up for Janet Ketts "Regifting Luncheon" on Jan. 13.

Starting in Feb., 12 will be the maximum number for Lunch Bunch.

Cynthia has 14 hostesses already for 2010 but will need more to accommodate the smaller groups.

She will have a sign up for the Feb. 10 lunch at the meeting.

Meet and Greet

Bill reported that he has had 37 responses for the Jan. 6 M&G at Jack's.

Two people will not be staying for dinner. It was suggested he make reservations for 40 in case we get some drop ins.

The next M&G will be on Feb. at Jack's.

Out and About

Judy Denham announced that the next outing will be to the Junior League of Sarasota Designer Showhouse on Jan. 28. A group rate of \$15.00 is available. It should be advertised more.

The following activities are planned for the year:

Feb. 16 Florida Friendly Garden Tour, 2 gardens in the historic district of Punta Gorda, 10:00-12:00, lunch at the Laishley Crab House.

March 16, Harborwalk Tour, Punta Gorda, Lunch at Benedettos.

April 20 Trolley Tour of Punta Gorda Murals, narrated by Jo Lipinski, ticket price \$14.00, limited to 26 people.

May 18 Myakka State Park, Tram and Airboat Rides, Tree Top Walk.

June 21 Karashon State Park, Estero, Historic tour, Lunch at Coconut Point.

July 20 Planetarium, Ft. Myers

Aug. 24 IMAX Theater, Ft. Myers

Sept. 21 Florida House Learning Center, Venice

Oct. 19 Snook Haven, Banjo rehearsal and lunch, Venice

Nov. 9 Charlotte County Water Treatment Plant

Dec. 3 Holly Days House Tour, Punta Gorda

Jan. 18 Naples Botanical Garden

Dine Around

Judy Berger reported for Jeanne Kapps that the next dinner will be at Phil's 41 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda, on Tues. Jan. 19. Cocktails from 5:00-6:00, dinner at 6:00. Board members mentioned that their needs to be more details and publicity about this event.

Movie Time

Dave Gleason mentioned that this will be held on the fourth Wed. of each month. The movie choice and location will be announced on the Friday preceding that.

Commentator

Sandy reminded us that her deadline is the 13th of the month prior to publication. The board praised her for writing such witty and informative articles.

Web Site

Elaine is adding to the calendar, but is still waiting to meet with John Magnin to learn how to best use the website.

Old Business

We will identify new members with stars on their name tags. Hopefully members will make an effort to greet new members.

We will play and ice breaking game at the Jan. 11 meeting: find someone who has the same birth month, day and state or country as you. Forms will be provided for this.

Diane suggested that we have framed signs to identify the sign up sheets.

Everyone loved that idea.

JoAnn reported that the tickets for the Cooper Street Carnival Feb. 26, are available.

New Business

The board presented John Miller with a ceramic pineapple shape covered bowl, duly inscribed by Sandy Helt, as a memento of his presidency for 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Berger