

Floridian Board Meeting March 1, 2010

In attendance were: Judy Berger, Mary Mazur, Bill Schindler, Judy Denham, Sandy Helt, John Miller, and JoAnn Gulvezan.

Minutes:

Sandy Helt moved to accept the Minutes from the February Board Meeting, and Judy Denham seconded it.

Treasurer's Report

JoAnn reported that we have \$3,300.50 in the checking account.

\$300. was donated to Team Punta Gorda to purchase a Loaner Bicycle. This donation was made in the name of the PGICA as part of a pledge for two bikes.

\$87.00 was raised by a 50/50 and donated to the Red Cross Haitian Relief fund. It is noted that Naomi Gazzola and Elaine Struk donated their winnings back to the fund.

The Cooper Street Carnival made nearly \$7,000. and will be repeated next year.

Membership

Mary reported that we have 203 paid members at this point. Eleven members dropped out and ten couples joined from Newcomers.

We need to establish a firm cut off date for membership renewal in 2011.

Committee Reports

Eat Drink and Be Merry

Forty people attended Food and Friends in February. There were five host couples.

Twenty-seven ladies are signed up for Lunch Bunch. There is room for one more. There are three hostesses. Cynthia stressed the importance of letting her know if unable to attend a function after signing up.

Meet and Greet

Bill checked out a number of sites and found the Sheraton Four Points to be the best location to fill our needs. There are two for one drinks from 3-7PM, beer \$4.00 and wine \$6.00. No reservations will be taken as this will be strictly a Happy Hour format.

Out and About

Judy reported that the Garden Tour on Feb.16 was a huge success. Twenty two people toured two gardens in the Historic District of Punta Gorda. Sixteen went on to have lunch at the Laishley Crab House.

We have two events coming up in March. On the 16th Bill Schindler will lead a tour of the Harborwalk. We will meet at Benedettos at 10:00AM and return there for lunch.

On Tues. March 30 we will travel to Osprey for a guided tour of Spanish Point. We will leave Bal Harbor at 9:00 and be at Spanish Point for a 10:00 tour lasting two hours. The cost is \$8.00. Attendees should bring a picnic lunch.

A Trolley Tour of the Punta Gorda Murals is planned for April 20. It will be from 1-3PM and be narrated by Jo Lipinski. The cost is \$14.00 and will be limited to 26 people. We will meet at the Event Center at 12:45 for this tour. On Tues. May 18 we will be going to Myakka State Park.

Sports and Games

Karl Moeller is leading a bicycle tour of Boca Grande on Wed. March 3. Twenty-one people are signed up for that.

Ron Robinson has a large group attending the John Denver Tribute on March 14 at the Cultural Center Theater.

He also has a group attending Tampa Rays baseball games at the Charlotte Sports Park.

Janice Creutzmann is organizing a guided Bird Watching Tour in Six Mile Cypress Park, Ft. Myers on Mon. April 26. The cost will be \$5.00 per person, 1.00 to park

Dine Around

Twenty people traveled to Englewood on Feb. 18 to enjoy dinner and entertainment at the Sassy Snapper.

The next one will be on Fri. March 19 at the Laishley Crab House.

The big event will be dinner and theater on May 4 in Ft. Myers.

Movie Time

Seventeen members enjoyed the movies Feb. 24. Twenty-one met for dinner after the show at Ruby Tuesdays on the Mall.

Commentator

Sandy noted that the articles are due by March 8.

Old Business

Approximately 75 people attended the February meeting. We had eight half gallons of ice cream and frozen yogurt. Mary Mazur will donate badly needed ice cream scoops to the kitchen.

Mary has seen our donated bicycle and it has a small license plate on it, "Floridians".

New Business

Mayor Harvey Goldberg will be guest speaker at the March 8 meeting. He will give us an update on several exciting projects. Newcomers will be invited to attend this meeting.

JoAnn will order 15 large pizzas to be delivered at 8:00, and arrange for soda.

Judy reported that the Civic Association will be introducing a Singles Club in the near future.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Berger