

Floridians Board Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2010
9:00A.M PGICA

In attendance were Judy Berger, Bill Schindler, Judy Denham, Cynthia Cowdry, Sandy Helt, Elaine Struk, Diane Lowy and Brenda McGinnis.

Minutes:

Judy Berger moved to accept the [March 1, 2010](#) minutes. The Board approved same.

Treasurer's Report

In JoAnn's absence, Judy Berger reported that we currently have a balance of \$3,199.22.

Committee Reports

Eat Drink and Be Merry

Food and Friends

[March's](#) dinner had 38 guests with 4 hostesses. Thus far, 32 members with 3 hostesses have signed up for the April 23rd dinner. 1 more hostess is needed.

Lunch Bunch

Cynthia stated 27 members have signed up for the April 14th Lunch Bunch, with 5 cancellations. There are 3 hostesses. Judy will send out a Pineapplegram to see if we can fill 3 of the slots. There were 24 members at the [March](#) luncheon. Sign up sheets for Lunch Bunch and Food and Friends will be available at the April 12th General meeting.

Meet and Greet

Bill indicated 41 members attended this function held at the Sheraton Four Points on April 1st. Everyone enjoyed the 2 for 1 drinks and openness of the facility, allowing for good mingling. The May 6th gathering will be held here as well.

Out and About

Thanks to Bill Schindler, Judy B. stated that the Harbor Walk was very successful. 29 attended the walk with 21 staying for lunch at Benedettos.

14 members attended the Spanish Point 3 hour tour. Judy D. has sent a thank-you note to them. In addition, she mentioned Mrs. Palmer was there and was a huge hit.

17 people have signed up for the Trolley ride April 20th from 1-3P.M. Members will meet at the Event Center. @12.45. There are 26 seats and we are responsible for filling them. The cut-off date to sign up is 4/14. Judy asked that our Treasury pick up the ticketing shortfall, if any. Sandy seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The 5/18 gathering will be at Myakka State Park @10.00A.M. The car pool will start @ Bal Harbor @8:45. More information will be forthcoming.

In conjunction with Arbor Day, and at the suggestion of Janice Creutzmann, there will be 1½ hour Bird Watching/Nature guided tour@ 6 Mile Cypress Slough in Ft. Myers on April 30th. The cost is \$5.00 per person and car-poolers should meet at Bal Harbor @8:45. Judy reminded us that Out and About is jointly with Newcomers.

Dine Around

26 people enjoyed dinner at the Laishley Crab House. The next dinner will be at The Gulfview in Englewood. Cocktails will be @ 6:00 when a beautiful sunset can be seen. Dinner will be at 7:00.

Movie Time

Brenda stated that 14 people saw a movie and then had dinner @ Joe Crackers. Joyce is trying to select 3 movies at a time @ the Murdock Cinema to accommodate the different tastes of our movie goers.

Commentator:

Sandy is working on our next article.

Old Business

66 members attended the [March](#) General Meeting. As there were too many pizzas left over, this number will be reduced for future meetings. The extra pizzas were donated to Judy Jones.

New Business

It has been determined that the Crime Prevention speaker being considered for one of our meetings is from a private company, not the local police department. Bill Schindler will try to get Butch Chief of Police Butch Arnell as a speaker for our [November](#) General Meeting.

Our guest speaker for the [April](#) General Meeting will be Robert Cacioppo, Founder & Producing Artistic Director of the Fl. Repertory Theater in Fr. Myers, followed by an Ice Cream social. We will get 8 half gallons from Publics, who is having a 2 for 1 special. 2 of these will be sugar free.

Our May 10th General Meeting will held at the PGICA Pavillion. Judy Fish has graciously offered to be responsible for organizing the "side" food offerings. We will provide the chicken and pulled pork. Cocktails will begin at 5:30 with dinner starting at 6:00.

Judy will send a Pineapplegram to see if there is sufficient interest in getting a table(s) for the Kentucky Derby party at St. Andrews Country Club.

Judy said she inadvertently sent the entire board meeting minutes to the membership instead of a Pineapplegram. Because of the good feedback from our members, she will be sending the membership the monthly calendar via our web site.

Diane stated she and Sharon are having a difficult time getting enough hostesses for Food & Friends. Because of the downsizing of the # of people per home, more hostesses are needed and many of the diners are not offering. Discussion was had as to whether we should stop those from members who attend, but are not offering to host. Judy suggested that if members attend 3 F&F's, then they must host. Further discussion will be held on this issue. The meeting was adjourned @10:20.

Respectfully submitted
Susan MacKay, Sect'y