

Property Owners Association of The Villages
General Membership Meeting-South
April 3, 2025

Called to order: by Cliff Wiener, President, at 7:00 pm.

- Board members present: Reb Benson and Tita Dumagsa; excused: Dan Warren, Ken Knodel, Jerry Ferlisi and Gary Search.
- Members present: Approximately 35.
- Organizations present: Seniors vs Crime and Realty Executives.
- Membership meeting minutes for March read by Reb and unanimously approved.
- Treasurer Report: Cliff mentioned POA revenue of just over \$14,000 and expenses of just over \$13,700.
- Raffle: Deferred.

Announcements:

- Cliff mentioned the annual Shredding Event was a huge success on March 29th at the New Covenant United Methodist Church; stating there were over 800 cars in 2 ½ hours and we shredded over 36,000 pounds of paper. He added that we plan to hold it again next Spring and hopefully at this same location.
- Cliff mentioned POA meetings are live streamed and available the next day on the website. He added that he is looking for a volunteer to backup Mike Gross for audio/visual setup at Everglades, since he accomplished the setup this time due to Mike's schedule.
- Cliff mentioned the Vial of Life program by Sumter County Sheriff's office, stating he promised Sheriff Breedon we would help get these to all residents, and that we had them in the back for anyone to take home.
- Cliff recommended that if you have not signed up for e-notifications at DistrictGov.Org, that you should, especially with hurricane season approaching.
- Cliff mentioned there will be another meeting of the Multi-Modal Path (MMP) Discussion Group on April 22nd at 2pm at the Savannah Recreation Center. Have had over 70 folks attend each session and recommend as many attend as possible. This group will be working to make the MMPs safer. In fact, one district south of CR-466 is looking to install reflectors on their MMPs and others may follow. Reviewing the costs show the largest expense would be in District 10, about \$15,000 – not a bad price for increased visibility and safety along the MMPs. They will also address residential street and golf cart issues with more accidents happening – such as a lawsuit by walkers injured by a golf cart.
- Cliff mentioned that on page 20 of the April POA Bulletin there is a notice of POA changes. Expect to see more information in coming months as the POA moves “into the 21st century” with improvements on keeping residents informed on issues impacting them.
- Member Meetings at Laurel Manor. Cliff mentioned Lisa Honker will talk again this month on a couple more senior living options; Dr. Curtis on Alzheimer's research in May; Dr. Young on stroke prevention in June; Bradley Arnold on the Sumter County budget in July; and either Dr. Anderson or Sheriff Breedon in September or October.
- Member Meetings at Everglades. Cliff mentioned Dr. Young on Joints-Stem Cell in July.

Questions:

- What was the issue of \$15,000 for District 10? **Ans:** Cliff said it was the cost to install reflectors on their multimodal paths to see the center line and turns better at night. He

added that Districts 3, 6, 11 and 13 have opted out of the MMP Discussion Group and that residents in those districts should tell their supervisors to get involved.

Speaker: Ms. Lisa Honker, owner of Your Key to Senior Living Options, said she started her business 8 years ago because there is no area council on aging and many assisted living places started populating around The Villages with many folks – especially adult children – searching the internet on next step for their parents. She added that she started with 300 families and now she (and her staff) has over 1,000 families. Her main discussion points were:

- Senior Living Advisors...put together all the pieces of the puzzle for families.
- Provide Help...yourself, care partner & adult children (find resources, costs/budgets, etc.).
- When...planning for the future, getting a plan-care needs have changed, and crisis-immediate need. She said she knows about planning with parents that passed away in short order and a husband that has battled cancer three times.
- Expert Guidance Every Step of The Way...at no cost to families. They get paid by senior living facilities when a person they were helping moves in.
- Plan Before the Crisis...circle of support, medical information, legal papers, financial accounts/passwords and area resources. Keep an emergency binder.
- Obtain their free tool kit...from the website: yourkeytoseniorlivingoptions.com.
- Attend any of their support group sessions...she has one on long term care benefits coming up on April 17th; or call their office at 352.766.7654.
- Questions, pertinent ones:
 - I did all the paperwork and legwork when my mother went thru Medicaid for assisted care, do you take care of all that? **Ans:** Medicaid care is a rare situation, since it is hard to qualify – usually involves a person who has been in an assisted living condition for a long time and depleted most all their assets. Usually deal with home to assisted living or independent care or memory care; with the average stay in all three circumstances being about 2 years. Most folks go from assisted living to hospice care. Rarely do folks truly need long term skilled care.
 - Trying to decide whether to bring my 94-year-old mother to The Villages from her assisted living facility (with 2 caregivers) in Tennessee. **Ans:** Let's talk separately to see what your mom is currently doing and what the best options would be for her.
 - What about some facilities that are a long-term buy in and others that go month-to-month? **Ans:** Highly recommend the flexibility of month-to-month facility versus a buy-in community – such as Freedom Pointe. Yes, you own your place, but if things change – spouse passes or goes to an assisted living facility then you don't have the flexibility to move back home where the kids are or to your spouses assisted living facility without potentially a financial loss.

There was a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48pm that was seconded and unanimously approved. Submitted by: Reb Benson, Secretary