

Property Owners Association of The Villages
General Membership Meeting
April 15, 2025

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

- Board members present: Reb Benson, Dan Warren, Jerry Ferlisi and Tita Dumagsa; excused: Ken Knodel and Gary Search.
- Members present: Approximately 50.
- Organizations present: Realty Executives, Seniors vs Crime and Flyer-Club.
- Membership meeting minutes deferred.
- Treasurer Report: Jerry mentioned POA revenue of \$14,021, expenses of \$24,047 for a net loss of \$10,026 for March; adding, our operating income is at \$99,809.
- Raffle: Deferred.

Announcements:

- Cliff introduced Victor Kerman of Flyer-Club (a POA advertiser) who, along with Josh, said they are a concierge travel agency specializing only in international business and first-class airline travel; with a 4.8 rating on Trust Pilot. They handle all aspects of the travel (including a 24/7 hotline number) while saving travelers 20 to 50% on airline costs. They announced a chance to win 2 free business class tickets to Paris; register by purchasing any flight between now and the end of December. They are also looking for a few Village residents to be ambassadors – reach Victor at 888.250.5051, victor@flyer-club.com.
- Cliff introduced the various representatives in the room: Mark Hayes, Jerry Ferlisi and himself as District Supervisors, Dan Warren as North Sumter County Utility Dependent District Supervisor and Reb Benson as Amenity Authority Committee member.
- Cliff mentioned POA meetings are live streamed and available the next day on the POA website and on YouTube.
- 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; that we had them in the back for anyone to take home. He added that he had a couple of them specific to Marion County, which has a similar program, if someone needs one of those.
- 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 the previous couple sessions and recommend as many attend as possible. This group, which he started back up, is working to make MMPs safer. In fact, a couple districts south of CR-466 are looking to install reflectors on their MMPs and others may follow.
- Cliff mentioned that folks should 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 Dr. Curtis on Alzheimer's research in May; Dr. Young on stroke prevention in June; Bradley Arnold on the Sumter County budget in July; Dr. Anderson in September; and, Sheriff Breedon in October.
- Member Meetings at Everglades. Cliff mentioned Dr. Young on Joints-Stem Cell in July.

Questions:

- Do emergency weather radios still work? **Ans:** Cliff said yes, and can get The Villages Public Safety Department to reprogram an older radio if necessary.

Speaker: Ms. Lisa Honker, owner of Your Key to Senior Living Options and lives in The Villages, 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 steps for their parents. She added that she started with 300 families and now she (and her staff) has about 1,000 families. Her main points:

- Senior Living Advisors...put together all the pieces of the puzzle for families – simplify the search process, help you get your ducks in a row, and plan for the future and a crisis.
- Provide Help...for yourself, care partner or adult children in finding resources, figuring out costs & budgets, providing guidance & support, evaluating long term care needs, factoring in veterans aid & attendance benefits and finding support groups.
- 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 informed; medical information, legal papers, financial accounts/passwords and area resources updated; and, keep an emergency binder.
- What is available...Independent Living ("hotel license"), Assisted Living (levels of care as needed), Memory Care (similar to Assisted but in secure environment), Respite (short term help – 2 weeks to 2 months) and Long-Term Skilled Nursing (beyond the scope of assisted living or memory care).
- Why move...Quality of life, medical comorbidity, personal safety, home safety, medication management, nutrition management, transportation, finances, and/or friendship.
- Where will funds come from...social security, pension, savings, sale of home, long-term care insurance, aid & attendance benefits (war time veteran/surviving spouse over 65), Medicaid Waiver Program (no more than \$2,000 in total assets & \$2,000/month pension).
- 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:
 - What is the income limit for aid & attendance? **Ans:** \$155,000 to \$158,000.
 - Who can you call for immediate short-term needs? **Ans:** Start with one day of care/month, so that you can call them if immediate coverage is needed (24 to 48 hours). Research is king and having a plan is critical, especially if you are a care-giver...65% of care-givers pass before loved one due to stress associated with providing the care.
 - What are the ins and outs of long-term care insurance? **Ans:** First call you provider and get the details of your policy, then talk with us. Did you know that if you have had some level of rehab, etc. that you might be able to count this towards your waiting period.

There was a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm that was seconded and unanimously approved. Submitted by: Reb Benson, Secretary