

Siesta Isles Association
Annual Dinner and Special Meeting at St. Boniface Church
Feb 28, 2019
Minutes

6:00 - 6:30 Cocktails

6:30 - Welcome and thanking members, by Pam Akins, SIA President

Introduce Officers & Board members and committee assignments

- Dave Thompson – Vice President
- Janet Emanuel – VP House Plans, Liaison
- Ted Ritter – Secretary, Records Retention Chair, Technology
- Marilyn Romanus – Treasurer, Membership Chair, Hospitality (special thanks for tonight)
- Judie Berger – Newsletter Chair & Neighborhood Outreach Chair
- Clay Keeley – House Plans
- Caren Levin – Directory Chair
- Fred Levin – Compliance Chair
- Kumar Mahadevan – Security Chair
- Jerry McLaughlin – Entrances Chair
- (not present) Michael Murphy – Technology Chair, Website, Security

Pam announced 3 vacancies on the Board and that we are looking for a new Hospitality Chair:

- No need to be a full-time resident. We use video conferencing for long-distance meetings.
- Pam asked members to contact us if they are interested

Special acknowledgements:

- Judie Berger acknowledged the passing of long-time president and active board member, Deet Jonker
- Marilyn Romanus acknowledged the passing of Jack Wroldsen, former president and board member of SIA
- Dave Thompson acknowledged Ted Ritter as outgoing president

Ted Ritter introduced non-Board members with committee assignments

- Harold Ashby (not present) – Harold has been writing our Newsletter

- Ted introduced Tony Romanus, Peggy Howrigen, Joanne Lockard, and Vince Riva as our new Traffic Safety Committee. Marilyn Romanus is the SIA Board Member on the Traffic Safety Committee.

Pam thanked all who volunteered their time and expertise and encouraged people to help, even if they cannot be a board member.

Pam introduced our attorney, DJ Fredericks, SIA Counsel. DJ introduced himself to the members.

Pam reviewed the agenda to be covered after dinner

- Dinner
- Bylaws Changes, 2 amendments
- Neighborhood Outreach & Block Captains
- Website
- Traffic Committee Report

Dinner

Bylaws Votes - Ted Ritter, Secretary, addressed the members to vote on the proposed bylaw changes:

- Proposed Amendment 1: Section 2: Membership meetings:
 - There shall be an annual meeting of the membership held in February ~~October~~ of each year at such time and place as may be fixed by the Board of Directors. Reasonable notice shall be given of these meetings.
 - Ted Ritter called for a vote. Members voted by holding-up vote cards. The vote was unanimous “for” the amendment. Between members present and proxy votes, this accounts for 75 votes, more than 50% of the membership (105 members). The amendment passes.
- Proposed Amendment 2:
 - The fiscal year for the Association shall be the first day of March ~~November 1~~ of the current year to the last day of February ~~October 31~~ of the following year.
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Pam announced the SIA Board changing the dues, due to increasing costs, underscored by SIA engaging an outside law firm (previous legal services were provided pro-bono by a long-term resident). Pam announced that members who paid \$100 for the 2018-2019 year will need to pay an additional \$50 by June 1st.

Pam introduced Judie Berger. Judie presented the plan for neighborhood outreach to increase the connection between the SIA Board, residents, and each other. Judie presented a color-coded map of Siesta Isles designating 16 zones. Each zone will have a block captain. The block captain will be a liaison to the SIA board. Judie handed out sign-up sheets and asked members to participate in this program to help us build our community.

Pam announced that we are updating our website. She noted that we have had challenges finding a website option that meets the needs of the Community. She announced that she is working with Michael Murphy to evaluate a promising new site.

Tony Romanus addressed the meeting with an update on the most recent discussions with the County on improving traffic safety in Siesta Isles (See February 2019 minutes for a list of items that Tony mentioned)

Pam thanked the Board & Committee Chairs

We announced that we will be publishing a new directory this year plus we hope to be able to cross-reference properties with owners on our new website. This includes all 297 homes with addresses and phone numbers.

Membership update - Marilyn Romanus announced that we are currently at 105 members. Pam encouraged members to reach out and ask neighbors to join SIA.

Q&A

Raffle - Janet Emanuel won the raffle.

8:30 Pam wrapped-up the meeting, thanking:

- Marilyn Romanus for coordinating this event
- Dick Walker and his Walker Catering team
- All the members for coming and for supporting Siesta Isles Association

8:40 - Meeting adjourned