

Siesta Isles Association
Annual Dinner Meeting Minutes, Feb 27, 2020

At 6:30, President Pam Akins thanked all for coming and for being a member of Siesta Isles Association and acknowledged the Dinner support crew: Clay and LeeAnn Keeley, Judie Berger and Kumar Mahadevan for staffing our check-in tables tonight, Caren Levin and Janet Emanuel for coordinating with the caterers and handling the setup of the room, and Ted Ritter and Jerry McLaughlin for working the bar.

Pam introduced the SIA Officers & Board Members and announced that during this year, we've had to say goodbye to three board members: Marilyn Romanus, our long-term Treasurer, Michael Murphy, who has been generous with both his time and in covering some of our technology issues, and Dave Thompson, our current Vice President, who is stepping down after serving since 2015.

Pam thanked committee volunteers—

- Traffic Safety Committee – Tony Romanus, Peggy Howrigen, Joanne Lockard, Vince Riva
- Nominating Committee — Harold Ashby, Nadja Bernitt, Caren Levin, Dave Thompson and Pamela Akins
- Election Committee for this evening — Maribel Figueredo, chair, Pat Bennison and Ernie Chartier

Pam made a special presentation to thank Tony & Marilyn Romanus, who recently moved out of the Isles, for their many years of service to Siesta Isles. She noted that Tony served on the board for 6 years, and as President for 5 of those years, he managed the development of the Siesta Isles website, standardized compliance guidelines, doubled membership, and spearheaded the funding and approval process for our new royal palm entrances. He also initiated a number of other organizational measures to improve the operation and effectiveness of the board. Marilyn also served on the board for 6 years, took a year off (while she continued to keep the books for the association) and then came back for another 3 years. As the Isles Treasurer, she was thorough and conscientious. She also served as Membership Chair, sending out letters to folks who were behind in renewing, and she was always the go-to person for the Annual Picnic and Annual Dinner. Pam praised both of them for understanding the importance of being engaged in our community. Then she presented them with a gift certificate to the Summer House on Siesta Key. They were both moved by the presentation.

Everyone enjoyed a pasta dinner provided by Nellie's.

After dinner, the Annual Business Meeting was called to order at 7:40. Ted Ritter, SIA Secretary, confirmed that with 33 households represented in attendance we had a quorum of members (15% of membership which stood at 153 at the time of the meeting). Ted then reviewed the minutes from the 2/28/19 Special Meeting.

Treasurer Clay Keeley presented the Treasurer's & Audit Reports for FY 11/1/18-2/29/20:

- 9/30/18 bank balance was \$18,567
- 2/14/20 bank balance was \$25,405
- Total revenue during the 11/1/18 to 2/27/20 timeframe was \$34,005, including dues paid in December, January and February for the 2020-21 fiscal year. Total expense of \$24,733 included two Annual Picnics and two Annual Dinners, as well as 16 months of expenses.
- With budgeted expenses of \$21,600, the Actual vs. Budget difference was -\$3,133.

Nominating Committee Member Harold Ashby presented the slate of nominated board members to serve three-year terms, consisting of three new board members, Tammy Dentici, Barbara Habrel and Catherine Hay, and two continuing board members, Judie Berger and Caren Levin. Harold then called for nominations from the floor and received nominations for Bill Hewitt and Laura Parziale who had agreed to serve if nominated. President Pam called for a voice vote and the vote was

unanimous “for.” Per Siesta Isles bylaws, the election was certified by an Election Committee consisting of Maribel Figueredo, chair, Pat Bennison, and Ernie Chartier.

Pam noted that we are ending A Year of Change: SIA Membership voted in a Bylaws Change last 2/28/19 covering a change in the fiscal year and the Annual Meeting. She welcomed the newly elected officers and said goodbye to old friends. She also reiterated that because of the extended year, we had 2 Annual Picnics and 2 Annual Dinners and offered a quadruple thanks to all of those who worked on those events.

Pam gave a membership update, noting that we started the year with 75 members and now have 153! But she also noted that we are now starting over. She also reiterated that all memberships received with the January newsletter application form and at the dinner are for FY 2020-21.

Pam then gave an overview of what was accomplished during the year:

- The Board approved 3 new construction or addition plans, 5 fence variances, and 16 other variance requests (mostly pre-existing setback encroachments). Pam thanked the House Plans Committee chaired by Janet Emanuel.
- The Board dealt with at least 20 compliance issues (several multiple times), with 3 referred to our attorney. Pam thanked the Compliance Committee chaired by Fred Levin.
- Pam recognized Kumar Mahadevan, our Security Committee Chair and noted that we installed new security cameras at the Beach Way entrance. She also recognized outgoing director Michael Murphy who researched and purchased the equipment and donated the hard drive to the Isles.
- Jerry McLaughlin, our Entrances Chair, was recognized for his work there, where we put in new plantings and strung holiday lights with the help of several Isles volunteers.
- Pam announced that we sent out 5 newsletters this year with features on board members and Isles members, as well as the latest Board actions and issues that affect the quality of life in the Isles. We also emailed links to the newsletters so members could view the color versions online.

Caren Levin, our Directory Chair, reviewed the new Directory that was handed out to SIA members at the meeting. She noted the Directory now has a new section that identifies street addresses, lot numbers and owners. She also noted that SIA members are bolded in the listing of residents with addresses and phone numbers.

Pam noted the work of the Traffic Committee in getting the overall speed limit of the Isles reduced and getting stop signs at Contento and Shadow Lawn and at Beach Way and Cape Leyte. She again thanked all those who worked on the committee for over two years.

Our Technology Chair Ted Ritter reviewed the upcoming SIA website, showing the home page and several pages. He said the new website will be publishing in the next few weeks. He noted that we need the emails of all members for them to be invited and have access to members' section of the website, and he showed how members will be able to fill in and publish the contact info they want available to other SIA members.

Attorney Robert Garcia of Berlin, Patten, Ebling spoke on flood insurance changes and variances. A door prize drawing was held for a bottle of Siesta Key Rum. Pam wrapped-up the meeting with special thanks to Dave Thompson and Caren Levin for coordinating this event and to all attendees for supporting Siesta Isles Association. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.