

December 2, 2008 General Meeting Minutes • Greater Pine Island Civic Association

The Meeting was called to order by President Hendrickson at 7:06 p.m with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Phil Buchanan announced the death Thanksgiving Day of board member and long-time activist citizen Brian Griffin. Phil discussed the many contributions over more than twenty years that Brian and his wife Kathy Malone have made to good governance in Lee County including strong support for the Pine Island Plan.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the previous meeting of November 4th, 2008. Bill Mantis offered some corrections to the paragraph about the lady asking to support zoning her property to AG2 including her last name, acreage and zoning type. Motion carried unanimously.

Bill Mantis gave the Treasurer's report. Motion made, seconded and approved to accept it as presented.

President Hendrickson then announced the formation of a Community Garden off Beach Daisy Lane on land donated by Harold Rehm. A \$25 fee will be required for those willing to have a plot of land upon which to garden. More on this will be posted on the web site.

Dave Lukasek then introduced the evening's speaker, Acting Chairman of the Pine Island Fire District, John Peckinpaugh. Mr. Peckinpaugh discussed the current status of stations three and four as well as the looming financial crisis the district may face with lower tax revenues in the future. After his presentation, questions were taken from the audience and comments were made about the state of the district and the tax rates property owners pay.

President Hendrickson then announce the election for board members to be held tonight. Four board members are running for reelection, Max Hughson, Bill Mantis, Glen Roberts and Roger Wood. Jim Fors, a member for over two years, is the candidate put forth by the Nominating Committee. The candidates all introduced themselves. There were no nominations from the floor. The ballots were collected and tallied by Larry Rhoda and Peggy Lukasek. There were 26 votes for the existing board members and 25 votes for Jim Fors, duly electing them to the board.

Under old business, Mark Strom brought up the proposed Publix shopping center and stated his objections to it. Phil Buchanan and two or three other members explained that it is the GPICA's position that, as long as the Pine Island Plan is followed, the organization cannot demand that there be no development. The membership will have multiple more opportunities to see the plans and to cast non-binding votes on the issue in the next two to three years.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Dave Lukasek
Secretary