

## **January 6, 2009 GPICA General Meeting Minutes**

Vice President Roger Wood opened the meeting at 7:12 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was given. VP Wood then asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the December meeting. Motion was made, seconded and passed to approve as written.

Bill Mantis then gave the Treasurer's report. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to approve the minutes as read. Treasurer Mantis announced that the board had decided to look into other potential investments and asked that anyone who had an idea about investments to contact him.

VP Wood announced the Garden Club having a Phil Buchanan Day in the near future to thank Phil for his efforts.

VP Wood then introduced the new board and officers including new board member Jim Fors.

He announced the passing of Shirley House and a memorial which will be held in her honor.

He noted that Jim Mudd from the county wished to make a presentation about the proposed changes to the historic district in Matlacha and advised members to watch for an announcement.

Members were asked for ideas on what they would like to see the GPICA do other than working on land use plan related things, guest speaker suggestions, etc.. No one had any suggestions.

Kathryn Aldridge mentioned the beautification program with regard to Pine Island Center and asked that members consider what they might want to see in that area and to get in touch with her with ideas.

A member suggested a few monthly trips to Captiva, Cayo Costa or Cabbage Key using the Tropic Star or another charter boat. Jim Fors discussed the Bokeelia Boat Club trips, including one to Useppa Island and the fact that they may be able to take some guests on a given cruise.

Once it was determined that the guest speaker from Hospice had the wrong date on his calendar and would not be there, discussion amongst the members as to services Hospice perform ensued. Cathy Malone discussed her recent experience when her husband, Brian Griffin, was in Hospice. She stated that Hospice made Brian and her as comfortable as could be under the circumstances and were very helpful. She pointed out that it is important to have a living will made in advance. Anna Stober commented about the benefits and services of Hospice as well.

Discussion ensued for some period of time about Porpoise Point in Matlacha and the proposed large pier and docks. Mark Strom opined that the approval of that dock structure jutting out into Matlacha Pass might be cited as precedent for the proposed docks in Charlotte Harbor by the Highpoint Tower people. Roger Wood passed around a request for email addresses so that he could notify people who might be interested in going to the hearing about it.

Roger Wood pointed out that, unless there were many objections to this dock at a hearing, that just the GPICA objecting would be useless. Mark Strom wondered if there was a way that the county could release info about proposed developments without there having been any plans submitted yet.

Dave Lukasek made a motion that the Government Committee contact Commissioner Bob Janes and/or his assistant to begin to set up a pipeline or to improve any existing pipeline from county departments to the Committee on any newly proposed developments or proposed projects that may have an effect on Greater Pine Island. Motion was seconded. Discussion ensued. Cathy Malone noted that there is a committee in Estero which Lee County keeps apprised of significant proposals in Estero. Christine Kneeland stated that, as part of the Government Committee, she would contact Commissioner Janes's office to make an appointment to begin this process. The motion passed unanimously.

The 50-50 was announced and the winner was awarded \$37.50.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Submitted by Dave Lukasek, Secretary