

## **March 3, 2009 General Meeting Minutes • Greater Pine Island Civic Association**

The Meeting was opened by Vice President Roger Wood at 7:06 with the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting was asked for, made, seconded and approved unanimously. Bill Mantis gave the Treasurer's report. Motion made to approve, seconded, unanimously approved.

Mr. Wood then introduced the Board speaker for the evening, Mr. of Hope Hospice.

John Strickling then gave a presentation on the various services that Hope Hospice offers to the community including not only end-of-life issues but help for those with chronic diseases as well as children dealing with the emotional trauma of losing a family member. He discussed the need for people to plan ahead with things like living wills in order to alleviate the burden of those decisions being made by others who may or may not know what the individual would want. He left literature which discusses the simple planning steps that can be taken before these crises are reached. The members thanked Mr. Strickling for his presentation. Roger Wood announced a \$100 donation to Hope Hospice in the name of the GPICA.

The next business was another recap of the status of the so called "farmworker housing" project and the upcoming hearing on March 17th. Bill Mantis gave a synopsis of the history of the project beginning with the destruction of Willow Lake, the first violation at the site which has yet to be resolved. Discussion ensued at length on the various reasons which should cause this project to be rejected yet again. Some assignments as to who will speak on which issue were suggested.

It was suggested that an updated flyer be printed. It was decided that an updated flyer would be placed on the web site for people to download, print and distribute as they see fit.

Mark Strom again discussed the need for a strong, central civic association to protect our way of living as well as the environment and that it was imperative that more people join the GPICA.

Bills by two legislators, State Senator Bennett and State Representative Williams, would both make development somewhat easier and more streamlined and generally be another threat to land planning as they favored growth - a folly in this economy. This threat was discussed and the board agreed to research the issue and put something on the web about the potential threats from these new bills. Kathy Malone discussed the group in Estero that is being formed to target these legislators in future elections. We will consider joining them.

The 50-50 drawing was done and \$30 was awarded. Motion made and seconded to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Dave Lukasek  
Secretary