

## **PALM ISLAND ESTATES HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION**

**November 20, 2023**

President Meryl Schaffer called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. A quorum was met with the following board members present either in person or by telephone: Meryl Schaffer, Linda Cotherman, Deb Knighten, Susanne Stubbs, and Lindsay Yates. Absent: Cori Palmere, Craig Baresel, Heather Stout and Kathy Sickles. Also present was PIE Board nominee Kelly Lube.

Upon motion made by Linda Cotherman, the minutes from the October 9, 2023, meeting were approved unanimously.

**Member Comments** – There were none.

**Treasurer's Report** – Lindsay reported the following bank balances: Operating Checking \$6,767, Operating Savings \$22,044, Action Fund \$6,767, and Scholarship Fund \$9,600. Income for the month, \$100, was derived from dues payments. Expenses totaled \$573 for Easter and Halloween social event. Net income year to date is 5,210. The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved for information.

**Report of Corresponding Secretary** – Cori passed along an email from Mark Weinstein, an owner at Colony Don Pedro, inquiring about PIE's plans/involvement with dune restoration on the beach. Linda had responded to him in October and further information is contained below under Island Watch.

**Website** – Meryl reported that pictures of the Halloween Trunk or Treat event have been posted on the PIE website.

### **Committee Reports –**

Info Central/Susanne – Susanne is continuing to work on ideas for fall/winter programs. One of the proposed programs will be on dune restoration, most likely in January. Susanne will be coordinating this with Matt Logan from Charlotte County and Michael Poff of Coastal Engineering Consultants in Englewood.

Social/Kathy – In Kathy's absence, Kelly Lube reported on the Social Committee. Donuts with Santa is set up and ready to go on December 16th from 9 to 11 at the Firehouse. The eight events that were held in 2023 are planned once again for 2024.

Island Watch/Linda –

Roads and Bridges (R&B) Committee update: (1) The peeling paint on the Kosinski bridge has not yet been inspected. (2) At its last meeting R&B discussed the sequence of events for presenting the idea of a new community plan. First step would be to hold a meeting at which the concept and history would be presented and input gathered from property owners and a determination made as to whether or not the property owners would want to proceed. (3) The County is still in the process of dealing with the placing of hardscape materials in the County road right-of-way which impede parking and safe access on public property. The County is also in the process of inspecting driveway pavers that have been installed past property boundaries and

through the right-of-way to the edge of the road. Additionally, the County is working on identifying the number of beach parking spots by the beach accesses. The federal funds granted for beach renourishment are contingent upon our having a certain number of parking spaces available along the roadways. Loss of spaces could trigger loss of funding. (4) With regard to restoration of the hurricane-damaged dunes, Linda reported on a conversation with Matt Logan, Charlotte County, who has inspected the dune situation along with Coastal Engineering, DEP and FEMA. Mike Poff of Coastal Engineering has been authorized to begin the paperwork necessary for dune restoration after a hurricane – hopefully with FEMA money. Linda said that Charlotte County and DEP appear to recognize the severity of this issue as it relates to storm protection for island residents.

Community Liaison/Craig – No report.

Scholarship/Cori – It was reported that the Scholarship Committee will meet after the new Board is seated in January to review and revise, if necessary, the scholarship application requirements.

Nominating/Deb- No report.

#### **Old Business –**

It was reiterated that the number of Board members for 2024 will remain at nine.

#### **New Business –**

The date for the Annual Meeting of the membership was set for Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. The meeting notice and proxy forms will be sent out by December 6<sup>th</sup>, 30 days prior to the meeting.

The next Board meeting is Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Lindsay Yates, Acting Secretary