

Palm Island Estates Association, Inc.
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December 6, 2023

Dear PIE Members:

For most of us, 2023 began with the clearing of the brain fog that Hurricane Ian left behind. We got our roofs repaired, our homes restored, and our landscapes tuned up. Contractors and their subs were ever-present, the ferry packed with trucks and trailers. We fought with our insurance companies and worked to make ourselves whole.

PIE made our social activities season whole for the first time since Covid arrived! Our tireless Social Committee volunteers gave us the New Year's Day Parade in January, "Palm-Palooza" (Music in the Park), an Easter Charcuterie Brunch and Beach Ball Hunt in April, a Sandcastle Contest in July, Trunk or Treat in October and Donuts with Santa in December. Whoa, did we have fun this year!

More PIE volunteers stepped up to make us whole after the storm, restoring the beach access signs and reconstructing the gazebo roof while replacing the cupola. We are always looking for volunteers – please let us know if you are interested.

At year-end 2022, we were so pleased to report the end of the central sewer issue. Over and done, victory for PIE. But less than a year later, we learned that EU has returned to the County Commission for support. So now we are expecting EU to file a new application for certification of the Island service area. The Island Watch committee will be watching carefully.

Please find the **2024 Annual Meeting Notice** below. **If you cannot attend**, please make sure you **complete the proxy form, scan or photograph and return electronically** to pie@palmislandestates.org. This will ensure that we have a quorum to conduct business. If you have any questions about meeting procedures and/or proxies, please contact Meryl Schaffer at pie@palmislandestates.org.

A ballot vote is NOT required this year as we have five board positions open and five candidates to fill them. The By-Laws do NOT allow nominations from the floor; therefore, the secretary at the meeting will cast a unanimous ballot for the slate as listed on the ballot below. Please note that if you are unable to attend the meeting, **we will need your proxy if other business calls for a vote.**

It is time to **renew your membership** for 2024 if you haven't already done so. Annual memberships expire on 12/31 and dues will remain the same at \$50.00 per year. You do not need to complete an application unless your contact information has changed.

Please **remit your dues payment by 1/6/24** to be eligible to vote at the annual meeting. Your check made payable to PIE can be mailed to P.O. Box 3151, Placida, FL 33946, or payment can be made via PayPal at [Join Us! - Palm Island Estates](#). Dues payment by check or cash will also be accepted at the annual meeting check-in.

Wishing each of you a wonderful Holiday Season and see you at our New Year's Day Parade!

Sincerely,
Your PIE Board of Directors

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

In accordance with the By-Laws of the Palm Island Estates Association, notice is hereby given for an Annual Meeting to be held on **January 6, 2024 at 10:00AM** at the **Fire Station, Gasparilla Way**, Placida, Fl. 33946 (**Check-in will start at 9:30 a.m.**)

AGENDA:

Call Meeting to Order by President
Establish a Quorum
Approval of Minutes for 2023 Annual Meeting (See draft minutes below)
President's Report
Treasurer's Report
Corresponding Secretary
Committee Reports:
 Info Central
 Social
 Island Watch:
 Roads & Bridges MSBU
 Barrier Island Fire District MSBU
 Community Liaison
 Scholarship
 Membership
Old Business
New Business:
 Review of 2024 Budget
 Introduction of Candidates/Election of Directors
Member Comments and Concerns
Adjournment

DATE OF NOTICE: December 6, 2023

Your attendance at this Annual Meeting is VERY important. If you are unable to attend, please complete the Limited Proxy Form so that we are assured of having a quorum. Submit your proxy as instructed on the Form. The proxy will not be valid unless fully executed.

Proxy can be submitted by (1) mailing to: PIE, P.O. Box 3151, Placida, Fl. 33946
(2) Scanning and e-mailing it to pie@palmislandestates.org
(3) Giving it to your acting proxy to submit at the meeting.

PROXY FORM

I, _____, address _____ am a certified member of the Palm Island Estates Association, Inc. and I hereby constitute and appoint **

_____ (a) President of Palm Island Estates Association, Inc.

OR

_____ (b) _____ (write in name of your proxy)

as proxy with powers of substitution for and in the name and place of the undersigned to appear, represent and cast votes only as I specifically instruct in reference to the following matters to come before the Palm Island Estates Association, Inc. on January 6, 2024, at 10:00 AM at Fire House, Gasparilla Way, Placida, FL. 33946 or any adjournment thereof, but in no event longer than 90 days after the date of the meeting indicated herein. This proxy can be removed at any time at the pleasure of the undersigned.

General Powers (check if appropriate)

_____ I hereby authorize and instruct my proxy to use his or her best judgment on all matters which properly come before this meeting.

The undersigned ratify and confirm any and all acts and things that the proxy may do or cause to be done whether at the meeting referred to above or any change, adjournment or continuation of it, and revoke all prior proxies previously executed.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

THIS PROXY IS REVOCABLE BY THE MEMBER AND IS VALID ONLY FOR THE MEETING FOR WHICH IT IS GIVEN AND ANY LAWFUL ADJOURNMENT. IN NO EVENT IS THE PROXY VALID FOR MORE THAN NINETY (90) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE ORIGINAL MEETING FOR WHICH IT WAS GIVEN

****Failure to check either (a) or (b), or if (b) is checked but does not include the name of the proxy, is an appointment of the President of the Association as your proxyholder.**

ELECTION BOARD OF DIRECTORS BALLOT

The five (5) persons whose names are listed below have indicated a willingness to serve as a member of the Palm Island Estates Association Board of Directors for a term of two years. The Board of Directors at their October meeting in accordance with the By-Laws set the number of Directors for 2024 at 9.

Terms of Current Board Members:

Expiring January 2024: Craig Baresel, Linda Cotherman, Kathy Sickles, Heather Stout, Susanne Stubbs.

Expiring January 2025: Deb Knighten, Cori Palmere, Meryl Schaffer, Lindsay Yates.

****DUE TO THE FACT THERE ARE FIVE (5) CANDIDATES AND FIVE (5) POSITIONS AVAILABLE AND THE BY-LAWS DO NOT ALLOW FOR NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR, A UNANIMOUS BALLOT WILL BE CAST BY THE SECRETARY AT THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR THE SIX CANDIDATES LISTED BELOW:**

- CRAIG BARESEL
- LINDA COTHERMAN
- AMY McCULLY
- KATHY SICKLES
- SUSANNE STUBBS

THIS BALLOT IS FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES AND IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO COMPLETE.

NOTICE OF BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

DATE: Monday, January 8, 2024

TIME: 5:00 p.m. Fire House, Gasparilla Way (subject to change)

AGENDA: Election of Officers



P.I.E. Annual Meeting
January 8, 2023 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 by President Meryl Schaffer. A quorum was established. The following board members in attendance: Craig Baresel, Candy Cohen, Linda Cotherman, Pat Gordon, Meryl Schaffer, Suzanne Stubbs, & Lindsay Yates.

Minutes: Motion to waive approval of the 2022 Annual Meeting minutes passed.

President's Report: Social returned after two years absence due to Covid. We had a movie night on the beach and the Taco boat social. The big item for the year was the defeat of the EU sewer application. Islanders stepped up and united by raising \$120,000 in support. The PSC was especially impressed by the number of speakers and their comments who showed up to speak against the Island sewer application. Thanks go to all members of the Action Committee. Hurricane Ian damaged many island homes, as well as some island landmarks. Three bulletin boards need to be replaced/repared; and all 12 Private Beach Easements signs need repair and to be placed back into position. Part of the cupola on the gazebo at the ferry landing needs to be replaced. The membership dues for PIE remain at \$50.

Treasurer: Special thanks to Linda Cotherman & Meryl Schaffer for all the hard work and extra hours they put into the successful campaign to veto the attempt to bring sewer to the Islands. Income for year included dues of \$11,600. Major Expense was \$4700 Insurance, \$1500 PayPal, and \$2200 Social (Taco Boat event.) Accept report for information only.

Committee Reports:

- a) Action – No appeal for the sewer is expected.
- b) Social – Kathy – “Palm Palooza” 2/25 is moved to April. Easter Brunch is on the schedule; as well as Sandcastles/Kite Building 7/4; Trunk or Treat 10/31, and New Year’s Day Parade 1/1/24.
- c) Island Watch – Linda/ R & B – January meeting cancelled; Sealing the bridge surfaces, speed controls, and Iguana Control are still live issues; 15 mph speed island-wide may be considered. Road contract awarded for one year with up to two automatic one-year renewals if both parties agree.
- d) Info Central – Susanne/ Possible meeting suggestions include Palm Island Transit, Sheriff, Flood Zone Maps, replanting after Ian, and Charlotte County update of Community Plan.
- e) B. I. Fire District – next meeting January 27, 2023. No movement on old Fire Station. Presentation on Golf Cart Awareness (Safety) to be presented at January meeting.
- f) Comm. Liaison – Deputy Prummell will send quarterly on-island incident reports.
- g) Scholarship – Heather/ No Report
- h) Membership – No Report
- i) Beautification – Easement signs damaged by Ian will be put back up as soon as homeowners suffering hurricane damage have repaired their own homes.

Old Business:

Election: Board Members running for another 2-year term are: Cori Palmere, Lindsay Yates, Meryl Schaffer. New Board Member for 2-year term is Deb Knighten. Linda Cotherman, Suzanne Stubbs, Craig Baresel, Heather Stout and Kathy Sickles have terms of 1 year remaining.

Member Comments and Questions:

1. J. Der mentioned that the overhead power wires hanging over the debris piles are inhibiting pick-up. Could power lines be moved underground?
2. Thank you to Linda Cotherman for keeping us all informed on the FEMA trucks.
3. L. Thees questioned whether the Island had ever investigated incorporating as a city.
4. Who is responsible for clearing out storm debris in the waterways behind houses?
Answer: No one, probably would have to set up a MSBU or TU.
5. A. Knighten offered that if the tree in the water is from your yard; you are responsible for removal.

Dates to remember: Memorial for Linda Miklos is 1/29
Light of Day Concert (Parkinson's) 3/7; location TBD
Casino Night BICI (\$ for greenspace)

Meeting adjourned 11:15 AM

Pat Gordon, Secretary