

P.I.E. Board Meeting Minutes
When: Monday, January 14, 2019 5:00 PM
Where: Gasparilla Way Fire House

1. Call Meeting to Order at 5:01
2. Roll Call/Establish Quorum
 - a. Present: Linda Cotherman, Pat Gordon, Cori Hane Palmere, Meryl Schaffer, Monica Errico, Craig Baresel, Lou Ellen Wilson, Heather Stout, Lindsay Yates, Sally Johnson
 - b. Present by Phone: Candy Cohen and Dave Mulvaney
 - c. Absent: Andy Ronald (excused)
3. Approval Minutes December 10, 2018
 - a. Meryl motioned to approve the minutes from the December PIE meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Election of Officers for 2019
 - a. President – Linda motioned to nominate Lou Ellen. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. VP – Lindsay motioned to nominate Heather. The motion passed unanimously.
 - c. Secretary – Lou Ellen motioned to nominate Monica. The motion passed unanimously.
 - d. Corresponding Secretary – Sally motioned to nominate Meryl. The motion passed unanimously.
 - e. Treasurer - Sally motioned to nominate Lindsay. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Appointment of Committee Chairpersons
 - a. Social – Rose was appointed to head the Social Committee.
 - b. Island Watch – Linda was appointed to head the Island Watch Committee.
 - c. Liaison with Utilities, PIT, and the Resort – Craig was appointed to head this Committee.
 - d. Administration & Membership – Lindsay was appointed to head the Administration and Membership Committee.
 - e. Scholarship – Heather was appointed to head the scholarship committee.
 - f. Beautification – Pat was appointed to head the Beautification Committee.
 - g. Welcome – Cori was appointed to head the Welcome Committee.
 - h. Lagoon/Canal– Lou Ellen appointed Don Nickelson as Chair of this ad-hock Committee.
 - i. Communications – Lou Ellen, Meryl, Monica, Dave and Heather were appointed to this committee. Note that 3 members of this committee must approve communications before sending to PIE members.
6. Report of the President – Update on issues discussed/approved at previous meetings
 - a. Thanks to everyone who assisted with the annual meeting and everyone’s cooperation.
Recap: 146 paid members as of 1/5/19 - 92 present at meeting (41 proxies – 51 in person)
 - b. Welcome new board members and thanks the “retiring board members”
 - a. Retiring members – Gary, Jeff and Dave Witters
 - b. New members – Pat, Meryl and Candy – returning for a two-year term Cori & Lindsay
 - c. Correspondence Received:
 - a. Jim & Kris 420 Bocilla – when they cleared their Australian pines they left one tall stump and put a platform on top with a few weeks Ospreys had built a nest.
 - d. Review Rules of Conduct at Board Meetings:

- a. All guests must sign in prior to meeting if they wish to speak – will be allowed 3 minutes on each agenda item – then address the board on other matters at the end of meeting.
 - a. All agenda items will be motioned (no second required) discussed first by Board members and then guests will be given an opportunity to speak up to three minutes
 - b. Board members or guests who are ruled out of order more than twice in any one meeting will be asked to leave the meeting on the third time.
 - e. The amended Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws were approved at the annual meeting, therefore we are now operating under same. Have to be signed by new officers, then will be recorded both at the State and County Clerk of Circuit Court.
 - f. Explanation – All members of MSBU's (Road & Bridges and Fire District) are governed by Florida Sunshine Laws – since more than one member of each of the MSBU are on the Board, only the chair of each can give a report and no further discussion can be held. This is the reason the discussion regarding the bridge was stopped at the annual meeting. Everyone is encouraged to attend the MSBU meetings which are open to the public
 - g. Lou Ellen asking for a new lock for the shed. Lou Ellen nominated Craig to get one from the hardware store.
 - h. 2 High School students asking for what type of volunteer activities they can do. It was the Johnson kids.
7. Treasurer's Report – Lindsay Yates
- a. Lou Ellen motioned to accept the report as information. The motion passed unanimously.
8. Report of Corresponding Secretary – Website update/Communications
- a. Website update.
9. Committee Reports:
- a. Info Central – Sally Johnson
 - a. Info Central is considering holding another mini-CERT training but will try to do it on a Saturday. Friday, Feb 23rd was mentioned as a potential date. The 2nd idea is to get Bill Truex to come to talk about red tide and other development happening in the county.
 - b. Social – Rose Malone
 - a. The Street Dance is January 26th from 6-11. Setup is at 10 at the PIE shed. The following day everything can be broken down at 11. The event is free for PIE members and \$10 for quests. Signs for the Street Dance were posted today. Rose talked to Chef Jeff to do the cooking for the event. It is suggested that members bring a dish, but it is not mandatory. The Gummy Sharks will be playing.
 - b. Band in the Sand is the Saturday before Easter (April 21st). Rat is working on getting the band. Note that Saturday is the first night of Passover. Rose to check to see if they can move the band to a different day due to Passover.
 - c. Island Watch – Linda Cotherman
 - a. Jan 29 BBCC utility meeting
 - b. Water quality summit is on Jan 29th, pre-register
 - c. Jan 8th – Bill Peterson reappointed to fire MSTU

- d. BICI party is Sunday at 1 pm
- e. Fire house contract is still under negotiation
- f. Bridge repair - \$405K.
- g. On Jan 20th you can get free tarps – 2 per car.
- d. Utility Update – Craig Baresel
 - a. Next utilities meeting is the 29th at 9am. Therefore a report back to the members will come at the February meeting.
 - b. Waste Management – The bid was kicked out by the county. At the county meeting they booted it because it was a substantial increase. They will try to re-work the bid.
- e. Administration – Lindsay Yates
 - a. no report
- f. Security – Dave Mulvaney
 - a. No paid details schedule for security.
 - b. Sheriff Ed will continue to do the golf cart registration when he is on the island. The information required to complete the registration is available on the PIE website.
- g. Scholarship – Heather Stout
 - a. Heather will contact the Johnson’s to get them started on the paperwork necessary to complete the scholarship requirements.
- h. Welcome – Cori Hane Palmere
 - a. No report
- i. Beautification – Pat
 - a. No report

10. Old Business:

- a. Rules for Posting on PIE Bulletin Boards
 - a. See report from Meryl (Dec 14th) in Appendix I. Lou Ellen motioned to accept the language Meryl put forward. The motion passed unanimously.

11. New Business:

- a. Set Board Meeting Schedule for 2019
 - a. Lou Ellen motioned next meeting dates will be 2nd Monday at 5pm. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Following the next meeting the board will develop a survey to be submitted to members to consider moving the day/time of the board meetings so that more members can attend. Questions get submitted to Meryl to circulate to the membership.
 - c. There was discussion on moving the day of the Band in the Sand due to Passover. Unfortunately, the event was planned last year and the band is unable to change the date.
 - d. Handicapped access to the beach? Need clarity on what options we have for mobility impaired vs ADA accessible.
- b. Set Goals for 2019/Establish new committees (if necessary)

- a. Establish a Facebook page where people can post pictures but run it as a PIE Facebook page. PIE has a Facebook page called Pieces of PIE. Craig motioned to not do Facebook. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. PIE could continue to sponsor house numbers
- c. More social activity ideas:
 - i. Community yard sale at the ferry landing
- d. Beautification of the beach accesses and plaques for the gazebo.
- e. ADA accessible beach walkover.

12. Comments from Members (topics other than agenda items)

- a. Date for next Parkinson's concert (Light of Day) is Tuesday evening Feb 5th at Candy's house.

13. Adjournment: 6:45

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Errico, Secretary

APPENDIX I:

From: **Meryl Schaffer** <merylschaffer@hotmail.com>

Date: Fri, Dec 14, 2018 at 10:17 AM

Subject: Bulletin Boards

To: Lou Ellen Wilson <louwilson2016@gmail.com>

Dear Friends,

Thank you for inviting me to the Board meeting on Monday. It was good to see the familiar faces, and to meet the new ones.

I apologize if I was inappropriate stepping into an agenda discussion when I am not a member of the Board, but I felt a need to give a little history on the bulletin boards. Please know this: at the time I resigned in 2013, the Board was unaware of my thinking. The issue of inclusivity is personal to me, and I did not wish to impose my belief sets on the Board. I discussed it only with the Executive committee, which at the time was the President and Treasurer (I was Vice Prez). I am generally not a person who enjoys controversy.

When PIE publicizes anything, there is a tacit endorsement of the event, service or information in the posting. For that reason, I believe it is important that PIE is clear about what they promote.

As promised, here is some suggested wording for a policy.

“PIE’s communication hub to the membership includes posting on the website and the PIE-sponsored community bulletin boards. PIE relays to its membership information about both PIE-related and non-PIE events, services and information. As a not-for-profit organization, PIE applies non-discriminatory best standards and practices. Therefore, all postings and notices will consist of events and services that are open and available to everyone in the local community, or news items and information that is of general interest to all. Other notices, including commercial postings (business cards, sales of goods or services) should be posted on alternate bulletin boards, such as the Islander-sponsored bulletin board.”

Feel free to use any part or change and adapt the above. It’s just some suggested language. Note that I extracted “free to attend” from the original wording. Many of PIE’s events are fundraisers or involve an entry fee to non-members.

Please know that I would argue the same position if we were discussing a women’s group. There are groups where gender separation may be important, such as men’s or women’s support groups. But I still believe the general rule for the PIE bulletin boards should be inclusivity, since there are alternative options for posting non-conforming notices.

Thank you for slogging through this lengthy missive!

Meryl