

Rotonda West Association, Inc.

## Community Relations Committee

Minutes

Wednesday August 1, 2018

PRESENT: Andy Van Scyoc (Chair), Linda Bondeson, Sue Superak, Earl Haas, Donna Stogsdill, George Burger, Wayne Mengel, Don Mahon & Barry Kean

ABSENT: David Pulaski, Sue Killion & Christine Lee

OTHER MEMBERS: Ginni Mahon, Bob Bondeson, Corlis Arent, Lynda Citro, Michele Duddie, Nick Gizzi, Sam Besase, Stephen Froggatt, Pat Dix & Hank Killion

MANAGEMENT: Claudette Romano, Scott Feldkamp

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm and roll call was taken. July minutes approved via email.

### **ENGLEWOOD LIBRARY**

- Linda Citro and her associate Michele Duddie explained that they were there to ask us a few questions about what is right and what can be improved in Charlotte County.
- They asked questions such as why we liked living here, what could be improved, environmental issues, etc.
- The main dislike was the permitting process in Charlotte County, the main good thing was people felt safe and the climate was wonderful.
- Linda & Michele explained that they would take our concerns back and note everything we said.

### **ANNIVERSARY EVENT**

- Claudette Romano handed out a report on the expenses of the Event.
- It cost the RWA \$4,199.97 and \$2,930.98 were donated.
- We raised 255 pounds of food and \$116 for Helping Hand. We also raised \$115 for the Thanksgiving dinners for the needy.
- The event was a big success with over 500 in attendance.
- A discussion followed about having this as an annual event.
- A motion was made to have the event every year and it passed unanimously.
- The budge for this event will be \$7500.00 and will be a separate line item.

### **WEST WAYS**

- Don handed out the schedule for West Ways in Christine's absence.

- Deadline for copy/pictures August 17th
- Mail out 9/7/18
- Some of the stories will be Community Center 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, Election Follow-up, Primary Candidates Night, Report on upcoming Open House, Xmas Parade & Gazebo Lighting, Presidents message, Blood Drive, etc.

## **WEBSITE**

- 4957 Visitors in July, US, Israel, Russia, Great Britain, Canada, Poland, Ukraine, France & Germany.
- All meetings received posted
- A sub-committee is being formed to investigate upgrading the Website. A chair is needed, but Don will set up a meeting shortly.

## **CHRISTMAS PARADE**

- Sue Superak stated that the following are the facts for attendance in the last few years for the parade. 2013- 53, 2014- 45, 2015- 47, 2016 -29, 2017 -37.
- She asked everyone to try to get more people involved.
- Sue is working on the brochure, etc.
- She would like to change the award ceremony to Broadmoor Park, which would mean changing the route of the parade. All agreed it is something we need to look at for 2019.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- The benches are being worked on.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Halloween on Mark Twain. Andy stated that he would like the RWA to help this year. He asked for a sub-committee to handle and appointed Diane McGrath and Nick Gizzi because they both live in the area. They will meet and come back with recommendations of what is needed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:02 and Sue Killion treated everyone to delicious cookies even though she was not present.

The next meeting will be held on September 5th at 2:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Bondeson