

# **ROTONDA WEST ASSOCIATION, INC**

**646 Rotonda Circle, Rotonda West, FL 33947**

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **MINUTES**

December 11, 2023

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER at 9:30 am.**

#### **2. ROLL CALL**

##### **Present:**

Deb Orchard, Chair

Gwen Grace, Vice-Chair

Nadine Clough, Editor, West Ways Newsletter

Annemarie D'Abrosca Secretary

Rita Lopienski

Denise Slovinski

Donna Stogsdill

Andy VanScyoc

##### **Guests in Attendance:**

Derrick Hedges, RWA Manager

Joe Harris, IT Technician

#### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None**

#### **4. MEMBER INPUT**

- Deb mentioned that Grace Chetcuti resigned from the Committee on 11/13/23 but will still be creating flyers for future Outreach Committee events. Annemarie D'Abrosca was voted in as the new Secretary
- Donna reminded everyone that Rotonda West Talent show tryout dates are 1/27 & 1/28 from 1 PM – 5PM. Rehearsal Dates are scheduled for Feb. 23 from 1PM to 5PM and the show is scheduled for Feb.24 with the rain date being Feb.25.

## **5. OLD BUSINESS**

- Pam Pierce was present to discuss the Christmas Parade. The Committee congratulated and thanked Pam and her team for all their work in putting this event together. There were a few issues regarding the new parade route including not enough notice of road closures. It was felt that more volunteers and better signage would help this situation next year. There were 36 parade entrants and 20 classic cars and 20 company sponsors.

## **ACTION REPORTS**

### **a. WESTWAYS NEWSLETTER FOR DECEMBER ISSUE**

- Articles due by: December 23, 2023

### **b. CONSTANT CONTACT**

- Registrations: Total number of contacts is 5,055
- Follow up at next meeting

### **c. BINGO**

- Sunday 12/17 There was a discussion regarding how to set up tables and sell packets. Volunteers for December are Denise and Gwen
- Follow up at next meeting

### **d. MUSIC IN THE PARK**

- Dance Party with Jay Smith January 8, 2024 from 7-9 PM Outdoors weather permitting
- The Rotonda West Ukulele Band February 5, 2024 from 4:30 to 6:00 PM
- Follow up at next meeting

### **e. SHRED-IT DAY**

- Saturday January 27, 2024 9AM-NOON  
Donna, Denise, Gwen and Nadine volunteered Gwen will create a flyer  
Non-perishable food donations will benefit St. David's Jubilee Center
- Follow up at next meeting

### **f. TRIVIA WITH TIM**

- Dates January 4, 2024, February 1, 2024. March 7, 2024 @ 6:30 PM
- Follow up at next meeting

### **g. LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS**

- **Frank Levin Lecture** 70 people attended the lecture on climate

- **Rotonda Nature** January, 2024 there will be a presentation on Pythons at 5:00 PM and there will be a Nature Walk in Broadmoor Park on January 20, 2024 at Broadmoor Park at 9:00 AM
- Follow up at next meeting

#### **g. Health and Wellness**

- **David Brackett** will speak about preventing falls on January 17, 2024 at 2:00PM
- Follow up at next meeting

#### **h. MEET & GREET**

- There will be a meet and greet on January 23, 2024
- Follow up at next meeting

### **6. NEW BUSINESS**

- The Spring Community Garage Sale was approved for March 2024. Rita is the lead on this event.
- The Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held on February 25, 2024. It was decided that each Rotonda West Committee would be asked to nominate a Volunteer of the Year and an informal group would be created to decide on the recipient of the award.
- Deb brought up a letter she received from Boris Loza, an RW resident who asked if the committee would like to schedule a presentation concerning Bitcoin. Several members were concerned that Bitcoin, because it is an investment strategy and is traded on the stock market, may not be an appropriate discussion topic for the Committee to sponsor. the request by Mr. Loza was tabled.
- The final discussion of the meeting concerned whether or not Donna's Nature group should be subcommittee of the Outreach Committee or an "interest group" within the Committee. A subcommittee would be required to report to the BOD, maintain minutes and be recorded on Zoom. It was decided that it would be an "interest group" which reports to the Committee. The Committee was introduced to Merrill Horswell who was in attendance. Merrill stated that her interests were in Nature and the Outdoors and was asked if she would like to be a member of the Outreach Committee. She replied in the affirmative and, pending Board approval will be the Committee's newest member.

### **7. ADJOURNMENT**

- The Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM