

ROTONDA WEST ASSOCIATION, INC
646 Rotonda Circle, Rotonda West, FL 33947
COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

October 2, 2024

Present: Deb Orchard, Chair, Gwen Grace, Vice Chair, Annemarie D'Abrosca, Secretary, Rita Lopienski, Maureen Laderer, Nadine Clough, Editor, West Ways Donna Stogsdill,

Absent:, Karen Harvey, Andy van Sycoc, Denise Slovenski

Attending on Zoom: Merrill Horswill

Staff in Attendance: Joe Harris, IT Technician

The Meeting was called to order by Chair, Deb Orchard at 9:30 AM

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Annemarie moved to approve the August 2024 minutes, seconded by Deb. Motion approved.

2. RESIDENT/ MEMBER INPUT

- Francine Finucan lead a group of Residents who asked that the COC approve a Friday Pilates class to be held in the Community Center .

3. OLD BUSINESS

- Due to Hurricane Milton, the Town Hall Meeting to discuss the addition to the Administrative Building was held on October 22nd.
- Denise informed Deb that this will be her last year as the coordinator of the Community's very popular monthly Bingo.

4. ACTION REPORTS

a. WEST WAYS NEWSLETTER

b. CONSTANT CONTACT/COMMUNITY OUTREACH FACEBOOK SITE

- Derrick Hedges' Managers' Report is still the most popular document viewed with approximately 60% of residents reviewing the report per week.
- Community Outreach's Facebook site has been increasing steadily. This Admin for this site is Maureen Laderer.

c. BINGO Denise Slovenski Lead

- Denise has enough volunteers for the October 20th Bingo.

d. MUSIC IN THE PARK Deb Orchard Lead

- The Lemon Bay Jazz Band is scheduled for 11/13.
- Jony Puma is scheduled for December 4th and Cary Price is scheduled for December 18th.
- The Ukulele Band is scheduled to perform on 10/3.

e. CHRISTMAS PARADE Pam Pierce Lead and Xmas Decorations Linda Kelly lead

- The Fellowship Church will be the site of Parade staging this year. Rotonda CERT will be helping. There will be better signage for parking and road closures this year.
- **Decorations** There will be new garland and lights for the bridges this year. Grace will be making the bows. Due to Hurricane Milton, the dates for Christmas Bow and Decoration Making workshops are now on October 9, 12, and 23. The workshops are open to Rotonda residents who will be making their own decorations and decorations for the Community.
- **Gazebo Lighting.** The electricity and Bridge are supposed to be done by mid November. Follow up at the November meeting.

f. TRIVIA NIGHT TIM Deb Orchard lead

- Music Bingo was attended by approximately 25 people.
- **LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS Donna Stogsdill and Merrill Horswill leads**
- **Rotonda Presentations**
- The 9/10 presentation on Alligators was attended by approximately 80 residents.

g. Health and Wellness Rita Lopienski Lead

- **Fitness** Tai Chi is a very popular class. The scheduling of a weekly Pilates class in the Community Center was discussed. **Gwen moved to accept the scheduling, seconded by Annemarie. Motion accepted.**

i. Mix and Mingle Maureen Laderer Lead

- Maureen has created a "This week in Rotonda West" announcement which lists the COC activities for the week and is located on the Rotonda West Facebook page. Unsure if Grace Checuti is still doing flyers, Deb will check with her. Until then the leads for each activity are asked to create their own flyers and send to Nadine for West Ways. She will be happy to provide assistance if necessary.

j. VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BANQUET Nadine Clough

- The Banquet is scheduled for March 16, 2025.

k. COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE Rita Lopienski Lead

- The Garage Sale is scheduled for 11/1 and 11/2 with 11/3 as a rain date. Applications are being taken on line.

I. RWA Open House Gwen Grace Lead

- **The Rotonda West Open House is scheduled for November 7th from 6-8 pm in the Community Center.** Members from outside Rotonda West and inside the community will have table top presentations explaining their activities. Homeowners who are new to RW will receive personal postcards inviting them to the event which is also open to all residents. There will also be refreshments.

m. ROTONDA WEST HAS TALENT Rita Lopienski Lead

- Audition dates are set for Friday and Saturday February 14 and 15 from 11 am to 1 pm in the Community Center. RSVPs are necessary in order to audition. The Talent Show is scheduled for March 1st at 1pm.. Rita requested a \$1,000 budget (same as last year) for the event for new signs, prizes etc. The RWA Board needs to approved the audition applications.
- Deb shared that a new sound system has been approved to purchase which can be used for COC events.

NEW BUSINESS

- How to spend the COC's end of the year unspent budget was discussed. There was a suggestion that a small stage be purchased for events such as Music in the Park and Trivia Night, Research on costs and more discussion is needed before approval by the Committee is considered.

ADJOURNMENT

- The Meeting was adjourned at 10:43 AM . The next meeting is scheduled for November 4th at 9:30 am.