

**Sorrento Cay Homeowners Association
Annual Membership Meeting**

February 20, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm by President Debbie Gates at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Nokomis Florida.

It was established that a quorum was met and notice of meeting was posted. Debbie announced new home owners Bill & Laura Watercutter (116 Sugarloaf Dr) and James Pampinella (308 Islamorada).

There was a motion to dismiss Steve Williamson as Secretary and Claire Emanuel as Treasurer, which was seconded and approved. Their replacements will be Richard Sheehan, Secretary, and Heather Johnson, Treasurer.

Steve read the minutes of 2/28/2018 which were seconded and approved as read.

Debbie spoke about the new SCHOA website, www.sorrentocay.com, and the items that are located online. The Member Directory, which is password protected, purposely left off phone numbers for privacy. Within the website we can find covenants, by laws, restrictions, etc.

Tree trimming on Broad street was discussed and Nathan Hoffman from Beautiful Ponds was introduced.

Nathan spoke about bio-dredging the ponds. It costs approximately \$150/month which is significantly less than mechanical dredging. Every 10 years the pipes between the ponds should be jetted. (Ours were done a few years ago under President Lou Pertz.) SWFWMD (Southwest Florida Water Management District) requires that the ponds be inspected and certified every 5 years. Debbie announced our inspection was set for March 12th. Nathan spoke of how the water lilies in the ponds have benefits but can be treated out as needed. He does not believe they are an issue with the drainage. Feeder creeks were discussed being dredged as well but will be discussed later after the inspection for SWFWMD. If desired, Beautiful Ponds can check depths of ponds at different locations. Treatments are once a month but we can end the contract whenever we like. Nathan will follow up with Tim concerning the clarity of the ponds.

Lou Pertz (former President, currently Assistant Secretary) spoke about how the lay of the land has part of the drains looking more blocked than they really are.

Treasurer Claire Emanuel was unable to attend so Lou went over the budget. Our total annual dues collected is currently \$16,560 with our largest expenses being landscaping, ponds, and street lights. Expenses for bio-dredging were covered by the fund. At this time there is no reason to raise maintenance fees. The difference between budgeted and actual landscaping, pond maintenance, and lawn care costs were explained by Lou.

There was a motion to approve this budget; it was approved and seconded.

There was a recap of homeownership and vacant lots. There is one house for sale on Islamorada Drive and 3 for sale on Tortuga Drive. By-laws state that homes are only allowed to have 2 rentals per calendar year.

Penalties for not following the rules were discussed.

New business discussion included a possible pond committee which will be further talked about at the next board meeting. Also, the homeowner with the orange grove is upset and is planning on building a treated lumber fence right along Islamorada Drive which will pose a problem for the residents across the street. It appears to have already been approved by the county and located flags have been put down as well as a street light has been marked for relocation. It was brought up to maybe speak with an attorney. Debbie said she will look into it further. Lastly, the lack of street lights on Islamorada was discussed. FPL will install poles but not run the wiring. We are required to find a contractor to do so but we are having difficulty finding someone to do that small of a job. Steve said he will speak with his electrician about doing the job.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 which was seconded and approved.