

June 13, 2017 HACC Community Meeting

Meeting came to order at 7:00 pm

Pledge led by Peter Schultz

God Bless America led by Bob Frank

**Bereavement:** Janet Milroy, May 13, 2017

**Secretary Report:** accepted and seconded

**Treasurer's Report:** accepted and seconded

Money from Bonanza was handed back to our treasurer. This money was then donated to St. Francis House

Income: \$685 – Expenses: \$1,242 – Net loss: \$556 = \$47,495

**President Report:** Marge Shively had to resign from the board due to health issues. She was active in helping Elaine with membership. She will be missed. Our by-laws state that the next highest person to get votes can be voted in by the board. That was Bill Napper. The board voted Bill in and he was happy to accept.

Bill Napper will be heading the Negotiating Team: Gwen Smolik, Ron Carney, John Bagg and Art Haase.

As we all know by now Bekki has turned in her notice to ELS. To us the reason seemed obvious – frustration with the job, but it was more of a family balance issue. She has 3 children. Her daughter will be a freshman in high school this year. She relies on her a great deal to handle the 2 boys ages 9 and 10. Bekki puts in almost 60 hours a week and has not been able to be with her family as she needs to be. After evaluating her job and family life balance she decided to tender her resignation. She and her family are moving to PA where she has much more family and support. She has been the best manager we have had in many years.

**The office staff is giving her a GOING AWAY RECEPTION on Thursday, June 22 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. All residents are invited to join this reception to say goodbye to Bekki. Light refreshments will be provided.**

**Ron Carney:** Due to lack of interest July 4 luncheon is in jeopardy of being cancelled. This event has been a part of Coquina for the past 18 years, but as of this meeting Ron sold only 15 tickets. There is no kitchen help. No cooks. No one to do any of the work involved in putting on a function of this type.

**Ladies Club** Swim Party and Crazy Hat Contest – Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 pm

**Dominos** - I was asked to let folks know that every Thursday at 7:00 pm there are dominos games going on at the clubhouse. They said to just come in and grab a seat.

August 19 will be a **Night with the Coconuts**. There will be an UGLY Tropical shirt contest. Light refreshments - \$6.00

September 30 a **Who Done It Mystery** presented by the Ford Mystery Theater. All local people will be in this event written by Jeri Ford. A dinner and then the show - \$9.00

There are three different sets of age groups here at Coquina.

1. The original (older) residents – Silent Generation – 1945 and before (sorry guys)
2. The Baby Boomers - 1946 to 1964 Almost becoming the majority of residents
3. We can't leave out Generation X 1965

All three generations have different likes and ideas of what entertainment should be. Mostly the music for the three groups is dramatically different. That said, we need folks from age groups 2 and 3 to step up and start helping out with what kind of entertainment they would like to see going on here so you too can be a part of it. If you have any ideas of what can be done here at the clubhouse please step forward or come to the activities/events meeting held after the ELS breakfast each month.

Speaking of the ELS Breakfast. The July breakfast will not be held on the first Friday as usual. **In July, the ELS Breakfast will be held on**

**Friday, July 14.** Please mark your calendars because on July 7<sup>th</sup> the Ballroom will be closed due to the flooring and carpeting being put down. No regular ballroom scheduled activity will be held during those days.

I know – I know – you are asking yourself, “Well, how can the ballroom be closed from June 23 till July 7 and we would still have the July 4 celebration” – Bekki had made arrangements with the company installing the flooring to stop production for 2 days in order for us to have this event.

**Garage Sale Container – REMEMBER**, the container is open only twice a month. On the first and third Saturday of each month from 10:00 am till 12:00 noon. You may bring furniture, boxes and items. **NO Clothing**. The clothes come to Gwen Smolik at 5318 Marbella – any time – just leave them (and any grocery paper bags) on one of the chairs in my front porch.

**The next opening for the Garage Sale Container is this Saturday, June 17 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.**

There will be no Labor Day event this year as in the past. The reason the board voted on this is because of the purchase of the garage sale container, which meant that we cannot pay for 2 large things in one year and still keep our reserve. The Container will benefit everyone since in the past homes that were for sale were allowing HACC to use their garages to store the items needed to make a successful garage sale, but lately, the homes were being sold quicker and the men who moved the furniture or items into the garage had to move the items out and find another garage and this cycle continued on for quite a while. Eventually, we had to stop selling furniture since there was no place to store it. Furniture was a large part of the Garage Sale income and once we were unable to sell furniture (I think it was for 2 years) our income declined greatly.

Now, with the Container, we have a significant amount of furniture in there and people have been bringing their boxes that they don't have to store in their homes, but can put in the container. Plus, there have been quite a few people moving out of Coquina and more moving in. They empty their boxes, and realize there are things that they don't really need or don't fit in their new homes, they send it to the container. It is win/win for everyone. Some folks felt that with such a large reserve of money that HACC should just go ahead and pay for the Labor Day event. They feel that the money is just sitting there doing nothing and that HACC is just hoarding the money. Tom explained that the money is needed for security and we are very protective of that money because it took a lot of people a lot of time to raise it.

Three weeks ago, we had to get our attorney involved because of the irrigation system pump at a resident's home was not working and needed to be replaced. When HACC met with Bekki, her boss would not pay for it. When they received a letter from our attorney, both Jarod and his boss were on the phone that afternoon saying that the pumps would be fixed. That's what HACC does for you!

**Kudos to Elaine Keller**, our membership representative, who gave us a great accounting of what HACC does for you.

Why should we support HACC? Many residents are not fully aware of the necessity of a homeowners' association.

1. HACC provides much needed representation when ELS meets with our community manager once a month or whenever issues arise.
2. Remember when our indoor swimming pool was out of commission for 17 months? It was HACC who convinced ELS to put a new roof on the swimming pool building, which provided us with \$25 a month less rent during the building of that roof.
3. HACC provides an overall umbrella that protects all the clubs, groups and activities that are held in the clubhouse. Anyone who plays bingo, cards, mahjong, garden club, qi gong, poker, hand and foot and so on and so on - too many groups to name. if something should happen you are protected by the liability insurance policy that HACC makes sure is paid for every year is not cheap. You would not be sitting in the ballroom as a group if it weren't for HACC's purchase of this insurance.
4. HACC provides finances to the various groups - for the people who play **Bingo** - you can thank HACC for the new equipment.

The **Chorale** instructor is paid for by HACC. **Bereavement** - a donation in the name of the diseased is provided to wherever the family wants money contributed. The **sound equipment**. The "up front" money for the Plays put on by the **Theater Group**. The large flat screen **TV** that is used by many organizations. Even the swivel out stand that it sits on was bought by HACC. **CERT** is financed by HACC. The new defibrillator in case someone has a heart attack. *(speaking of which later in this missive I will let you know how many people*

*here at Coquina have recently been trained on the defibrillator and AED machines.)* The list goes on, but I think you get the point.

5. Social and entertaining events. St. Patrick's Day and Oktoberfest are two main events that HACC provides the beer (again, your HACC insurance covers you) How many of you do not pay your \$20 dues yet drink the free beer?

6. We are very fortunate to have such a strong home owner's association because if we didn't I hate to think what would happen to this community.

**THANK YOU, ELAINE!!!!**

CERT: Wayne Ernissee has a message for all of us residents here at Coquina. Besides the CERT team, there are now 28 additional residents who have had CPR and AED training. For those who do not know the AED machine is outside by the Coke machine. *I am embarrassed to say I did not even know we had a Coke machine. I went out after the meeting and sure enough right outside the door by the exercise room is a Coke machine and the AED machine.*

Hurricane season is upon us. We were very fortunate that Hurricane Matthew was downgraded to a category 3 and 35 miles off shore; so, there was not a great deal of damage to our community. We were all warned at 3:00am on Thursday that all Mobile home residents must evacuate. Most of us do not consider our homes Mobile since they cannot be moved (except maybe by a hurricane) hence, most of the residents ignored the evacuation notice. Wayne told us that the CERT team informed the powers that be that we don't consider ourselves living in mobile homes, so the wording may be different next time to include Manufactured Homes.

Another thing is that many of us are not from a state that has hurricanes so we do not know the damage that can be caused by one and what we should do. The CERT team along with St. John's County had a seminar in May to update and instruct us on what to do. Only 22 residents showed up. This means that 830 residents already know what to do.

**BOTTOM LINE:**

MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A PLAN FOR A HURRICANE BECAUSE IF THEY SAY YOU HAVE TO EVACUATE MAKE SURE YOU KNOW WHAT THAT PLAN IS BEFORE IT GETS HERE AND KNOW WHAT TO DO AND WHAT TO TAKE WITH YOU. KNOW WHAT PAPERWORK YOU NEED.

**Be aware** – if you are given an order to evacuate and you ignore it and you need help, it will be a long time coming because you are not supposed to be here.

There are Hurricane Preparedness booklets all over St. John's county. Grab one and pay attention to what you need to do.

One last thing. If you know of someone who cannot get out because they do not drive or are not mobile, tell them to register with St. John's County so they can be provided for.

End of CERT information

The question was asked about the letter we received from FPL Energy Services. It turns out that we actually are responsible for any water pipes between the street and our homes. In the audience were three people who had broken pipes and it was their responsibility to repair it, which of course they had to do at their own cost. I looked it up this morning and sure enough on page 6 that is exactly what it says.  
The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Very Respectfully Submitted by  
Gwen Smolik, HACC Secretary