

SMKA MEETING MINUTES, MARCH 9, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: President Steve Stump called the meeting to order and introduced the guest speaker, Roger Baltz, Charlotte County Administrator.

Guest Speaker: Mr. Baltz gave us an overview of County administration and budgeting, with emphasis on how funds collected from property taxes are allocated. Because the County is not permitted to deficit spend and revenues have been reduced by lower property values, much of the recent Staff and BCC focus has been on trimming the budget. The challenge is to provide adequate

services and move toward long-term goals without raising the mill rate. Mr. Baltz answered various questions from the floor and left the group feeling confident that our County is well positioned to weather the recession. The President thanked him for coming and the group gave him

a big hand.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes were accepted as published.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer John Largent reported that the treasury has a balance of \$11,302.84, although expenses from the picnic have not yet been entered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MSTU: In Mike McClain's absence, the President reported that work is proceeding slowly on the drainage project.

MASKAC: BJ Galberaith reported that the scheduled presentations of the Overlay Code to the BCC have been cancelled. She invited everyone to attend the meetings, the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays

of the month at 9:30am, in the Englewood Beach Villas clubhouse. The next meeting, March 18, will concentrate on fire protection and water supply.

MEMBERSHIP: Randy Dahl introduced the other Membership Committee members, Dave Colby

and Ron Pangrazio, and summarized some of the ideas the group has to increase involvement as well as our numbers. They are looking for ways of contacting new residents who would like to meet their neighbors and become involved in social activities.

DATABASE: Betty Sue Carroll reported that the group is 439 strong and growing. She said that the focus on communication by email has been very successful and reminded everyone to let her know when email addresses change. Steve Stump added that some email programs block mass mailings, and asked people to be sure his email address, sstump1900@hotmail.com is on their "OK" list. He also asked for a volunteer to filter the tax rolls and/or voter registration mailing lists

in preparation for a future mailing to all residents of the Keys.

SOCIAL: Bonnie Littrell reported that the picnic was a big success and a really fun afternoon. She thanked all those who helped out, and said that those willing volunteers made it an easy project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Carolyn Trohoski recommended START's award-winning film, which will be shown April 13, at 10:00am, at Elsie Quirk Library. The manager of the Gulf-to-Bay clubhouse told us that management had agreed not to charge our group and asked for our continued

support. It was suggested that SMKA make more of an effort to welcome new members to the group.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Betty Sue Carroll, Acting Secretary