

SMKA MEETING MINUTES, NOVEMBER 9, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: President Steve Stump called the meeting to order and introduced the guest speaker, Mike Billington, Editor of the Charlotte Sun-Herald.

Guest Speaker: Mr. Billington gave us an overview of the Sun's role as a local newspaper and its focus on Community events. He emphasized the paper's role in reporting different viewpoints on all issues, and spoke to the dilemma of increased circulation/reduced advertising. There was a lively Q & A from the floor. The President thanked Mike Billington for coming and the group gave him a big hand.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes were accepted as summarized. Acting Secretary, Betty Sue Carroll read a complimentary letter from an absentee member.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer John Largent reported that the treasury has a balance of \$11,215.51, with expenditures of \$2618.01 (mailings) and deposits of \$1930.52.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MSTU: Mike McClain, Chairman of MSTU reported that bids will be accepted on the drainage project on 11/13/09 and that a trial of possible new lighting will be held on 11/11/09 on Shoreview.

MASKAC: BJ Galberaith clarified Sarasota County's proposed new ordinance on beach signage and blockage of access. She said Charlotte County is waiting to see how that issue plays out in Sarasota before considering a similar ordinance.

MEMBERSHIP: Betty Sue Carroll read a list people who had recently joined the SMKA, and there was a general discussion about publicizing the organization.

OLD BUSINESS: Randy Dahl asked members to look for new faces to take over as officers and board members. Bonnie Littrell reminded everyone about the Welcome Home picnic on Saturday, November 14, 12 Noon to 3 pm.

NEW BUSINESS: Steve Stump suggested a SMKA Theatre Night and passed around a sign-up sheet for various volunteer activities. Wayne Largent and Steve Stump explained the survey process, urged participation, and fielded a number of questions and comments. It was suggested that the group repeat the SMKA "T" shirt sale, or possibly create an iron-on decal for new members.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm.

The next meeting will be December 14, 2009, with a program on Survey results and the Overlay Code.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Sue Carroll, Acting Secretary