

Venetian Village Civic Association Meeting Minutes

May 5th, 2022

Board Attendance Paul Berker (President) - Present
Trisha Kennedy (Treasurer) - Present
Reva Cheatham (Secretary) - Present
Keith Tikovich (Vice President) - Present

Members Signed-In Ted Giger
Karen Anderson
Brian Christenson

Called to Order 7:07 pm by Paul Berker

Secretary's Report – April Minutes read by Reva Cheatham. Motion to approved by Tricia, 2nd by Keith. Approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report – \$1,392.15 = April Balance
Credits = \$1,231.87
Debits = \$ 581.81
\$2,042.21 = May 1st Balance

Old Business

1. Last month's question, "Is membership up from last year."
 - Answer is no, not yet. In 2021, we had 101 members/households and a total of \$3,603.92 in dues and donations. For 2022, we are currently at 81 members/households with \$2,569.18 collected so far. So roughly 20 households less and about \$1,000 shorter.
 - It is important to note that people continue to sign up and pay throughout the year.
 - Another change is donation of \$500 made annually in the past by the Kron's. They have moved away and are no longer members.
2. Garage/Shed Storage
 - We discussed the items that are still stored. There have been multiple attempts to have the items removed by the member and to collect the money offered to allow the "short-term" storage. No money has been collected.
 - It was agreed that a formal letter would be written, documenting the request to have the items removed by a firm date. The letter will include actions to be taken if the deadline is missed. (Tricia)
3. Plant Sale – Due to lack of interest and volunteer participation, we will not have a plant sale this year. Other plant sales in the area have been suggested on our FB page under a post on the topic.

4. Adopt a Highway Clean Up (4/23)
 - 3 members participated in clean up. Paul Berker, Keith Tikovich and Ted Giger.
 - Special Ed students were not available due to a group outing.
 - It took longer than usual, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, because of low participation, dampness and a higher volume of trash than in past clean ups.
5. Township Meeting Notes from April 12th
 - The burn ban was discussed, and complaints were made that the County Board voted for an outcome that was essentially unfunded. Dan Venturi is seeking accommodations from the county. A couple suggestions/ideas mentioned were allowing specific burn days and maybe the option of permits to burn. Paul will keep us post on the issue.
6. Association Picnic, July 16th, 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. (approx. 75 to 100 attendees)
 - Inquires for food were made to the following businesses:
 - BBQ Brothers are not available. They are booked through Sept.
 - Bearded Veteran's BBQ has been called and a message was left.
 - Mario Cart is not available
 - Station 51 Truck Co. has a full staff event in Elkhorn on that day.
 - Mijos Authentic Mexican will be at the Kenosha Harbor Market.
 - Smiley's BBQ is available but out of our budget.
 - Keith is going to reach out to El Paso to see if they are interested.
 - Tricia is going to provide me with the name/number of companies from last year. The cost of last year was about \$700.
 - A committee will be formed to plan the event. Actions items to include:
 - Raffle Items - Someone will need to organize the solicitation and collection of items and over see the ticket sales.
 - Entertainment – Music (max \$300), kid activities, yard games, etc.
 - Beverages – Margarita Stand for donations. Maybe also offer lemonade and cans of pop for sale.
 - Sponsorships and donations from local businesses with prominent advertisements and member/attendee donations.
 - Membership Drive for non-member attendees. Discussed a select number of free raffle tix for members only. Goal would be to have people sign up at the picnic. (flyer of benefits i.e. hall rental, etc.)
 - Food and Music needs to be set before June meeting.
 - Event creation will sign up for attendees to gage number of attendees
7. Rummage Sale/Vendor Fair
 - A firm date for the sale was set for Thursday, 9/15 thru Saturday, 9/17
 - To increase traffic on the last day and to add additional raised funds, an outdoor vendor fair was suggested for Saturday. We will sell vendor booths on the lawn.
 - Food Trucks were also suggested for attendees with a possible kickback for the association (i.e. 10% for sales over \$300)
 - Committee Groups would be:
 - Advertising (signs, social media, event posts, local business flyers, etc.)
 - Rummage Sale (item collection, pricing, set up, etc.)

- Vendor Fair (solicitation and selection of vendors, collection of fees, layout and marking of vendor lots, set up of tables/chairs, raffle? etc.)
- Food trucks or sale of refreshments offered.
- Volunteers (item collection, set up, daily sale volunteers, clean up, vendor check-in, etc.)

New Business

1. New Voting Precincts – Discussed the new boundaries and voting stations. Nothing can be done but voices can be heard.
2. Current Hall Rentals – Member rentals are up since not allowing non-member rentals.
 - January = 0
 - February = 0
 - March = 2
 - April = 3
 - May = 2
 - June = 1
 - July = 1 (Picnic)
 - August = 1
 - September = rummage sale
 - November = 1
 - December = 0

Motion to Adjourn 8:00 pm by Keith, seconded by Tricia. Approved by voice vote.