

FOREST LAKES OWNERS ASSOCIATION
Monthly Board Meeting
Chevelon Butte School Building
March 16, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

President Judy Nelson called the monthly meeting to order at 2:01pm. She then led the Board Members and Residents in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting had been distributed to the members present. With no corrections, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with. A motion was made (Mary St.Germain), seconded (Jane Cummins) and passed that they were approved as written. These minutes are available on the website.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Cummins reported that our total assets are \$158,259.49. A breakdown is attached to these minutes. It was moved (Judy Summers), seconded (Mary St.Germain) and approved that the report be accepted and filed for audit.

COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORTS

FLOA

- President Nelson acknowledged Ben Froehlich's efforts to update our Database. In early 2013, he mailed data forms to 866 property owners for update, including a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope (S.A.S.E.) to ensure a return. Over 600 have been returned. Of those, 587 have either renewed their FLOA dues or joined for the first time.
- During the winter months the blue fire hydrant markers have been repaired or replaced (as needed) by the Fire Department and they will be submitting a bill to FLOA.
- The newsletters are now being printed and mailed by Phoenix businesses. The cost is slightly higher, but all the work is now being contracted out, thus saving many hours and gas expense for volunteers.
- It was also reported that FLOA has sponsored two potlucks over the winter months. One on January 12, and the second prior to this meeting. Both were well supported (56 in January; 38-40 today) and our thanks to the Fire Department for the use of their facilities.
- The FLOA Telephone Directory is almost ready to go to the printer, who will do the set-up for us, as in past years. Ben Froehlich volunteered to take on the editor's task due to the loss of Jack Greenleaf. There will be a tribute to Jack in this year's edition. To date, the income from advertisers is \$1540.00 and that figure includes advertising for the FLOA Newsletter as well.
- Quilters were thanked for their help in the remodeling of the rest rooms at the School/Library building. Residents were urged to tour the newly refurbished rooms. The Church paid for the new heater in the ladies room.
- Post Office will return to "normal" operation when the store re-opens on April 1st. Postmistress Trina has done a wonderful job of serving the permanent residents over the winter months. FLOA has not received any information on snow removal and will contact her to see if we need to reimburse her for any costs per our agreement at the October 2012 meeting.

Sheriff - Chief Rodriguez stood in for Deputy Bill Walter as Bill is currently out on medical leave. He told those present that no break-ins have been reported this winter, but many residents will not be returning until much later.

Fire District - Chief Rodriguez thanked FLOA for the new fire danger signs and markers.

- The Fire Board is currently working on their 2013/2014 budget, which will be a challenge as the monies available this year will be 25% less than last year, next year it will be 14% lower and the year following 5%. The public is encouraged to attend their meetings.
- With the lower taxes, there will be a \$97,000 deficit this coming year. The good news is that the ¾ acre has been paid off; there has been a reduction in the part time office staffing.
- A Citizen’s Advisory Committee, chaired by Paul Studer, has been formed and will be contacting past and present paid-on-call personnel for input.
- The wild land fire season is predicted to be mild due to all the moisture this winter season. The fire department will continue to work with other government entities in planning for worse case events.
- The Green Waste Site will open in May.
- The Fire Auxiliary that supports the fire department is looking for new members to join. These members are the ones who operate the Ice Cream Socials and sell t-shirts, etc. at all Forest Lakes events. Come join them.
- Chief Dave also mentioned that the Fire Department wants to purchase two new “power-load” guerneys for the ambulances.
- They will also resume the Community Focus Group meetings soon.

Water District - Mary Hume reported that there were eleven water mains broken in January. There were also fourteen customers experiencing water leaks, each one over 100,000 gallons. Cause: the extreme temperatures. There were state-wide problems, we were not the only ones. The water rates still have not been raised. And the arsenic treatment system upgrade is almost complete.

Library – Cheryl Rife reported that residents will soon be able to sign up at the library to download books to their E-Readers from the main library in Flagstaff.

FL Community Church – will resume on May 15th.

Fire District Auxiliary - Virgilee Scholl reported that the Auxiliary will resume meeting. Their next meeting will be the third Saturday in April, 9:00 am, at the Fire Station (prior to the Fire Board meeting). She told those present that the Auxiliary is currently re-organizing and has reached out to those people in the trailer parks, men and families to become general members. The Auxiliary is in good shape financially.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

There was no current business to discuss.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Chief Dave mentioned that April Pontius is the contact for the Hazardous Fuels grants, which helps residents have their trees thinned to safety standards. A newly awarded grant will now pay property owners up to \$1,200, an increase from the previous \$800 total. Remember, residents can receive up to 50% of their costs with this grant. Take Advantage!
- The FLOA Board is not scheduling speakers for summer meetings, allowing time for when our County Supervisor Mandy Metzger, can attend more meetings this year to respond to community concerns.

ADJOURNMENT - It was moved (Judy Summers) and seconded (Ted Cary) that the meeting be adjourned at 2:38pm.

Minutes submitted by *Judy Summers* Approved by: *Judy Nelson*

And will be posted on the website.

Board Members present: Judy Nelson, Jane Cummins, Judy Summers, Rosie Watson, Frank Astemborski, Ted Cary, Mary St.Germain and Mack Hume.

Not Present: Sally Kennedy and Debbie Skeldon.

Community members present: 11