

February 20, 2018

A meeting of the Corkscrew Island Neighborhood Association (CINA) took place at the Corkscrew Sanctuary meeting room on Tuesday, February 20, 2018. Eleven members were in attendance. President Bill McDaniel moderated.

1) Pledge of Allegiance

President Bill McDaniel opened the meeting at 7 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2) Approval of October Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting on October 17, 2017 were sent by email earlier, and a few copies were passed around at the meeting. The minutes were approved and seconded unanimously.

3) Sanctuary's controlled burns

Robbie Wooster moved that we generate a thank you letter to the Sanctuary for their notices of controlled burns. She said that it was comforting to know it was controlled, when she arrived home to smell smoke everywhere. This was seconded and approved.

Motion: Doug will draft a letter to the Sanctuary, thanking them for their neighborhood notices about controlled burns, and send it to Robbie for approval. The motion was seconded and passed.

4) Suspended motion to donate funds to the VoTech School in Immokalee

Bill asked about the status of a motion that was brought up at the last meeting. The discussion was at the tail end of the October meeting after the tape was turned off and the notebook put away. Bill asked if CINA would like to donate \$250 to the VoTech School in Immokalee (or to the Rotary for the VoTech School) for the purpose to print copies of the US Constitution to pass out to students. Maria Tabraue made a motion at that time to contribute \$500 instead of \$250 and Nancy seconded it, but it was done abruptly, in some confusion, without a chance to discuss it. It was not recorded and the motion did not pass. At this February meeting Doug said he would vote against it if revived, and presented an argument, saying the Constitution is freely available to students already, and other organizations hand them out, and that other projects would be coming along for us to consider. He reminded the members that this is not a charitable organization, and our money has accumulated very slowly over ten years, and we should not be looking for ways to give it away. Bill asked for a second to the motion (again) and there was none, so the discussion was dropped. There followed a discussion on how many members make a quorum.

5) Membership dues

Since membership dues were historically always collected at the beginning of the year and February was always the first meeting of the year, a discussion took place of how dues were paid - from January to January? Or from date of receipt for 12 months out. Nancy as Treasurer was asked which method was easier for her. She said it was far easier to keep records from date of receipt for 12 months out, and sending renewal notices. On the old system of January to January, people were paying anywhere from January thru September, which made it difficult to decide how to enter the payment - for this year or next? And it was unfair to those who paid in January if others paid in June. So the Treasurer now keeps the records officially from the date of receipt to 12 months out, with renewal notices sent. This enables an accurate accounting on any given day of how many current paid-up members there are for purposes of a vote.

6) The President's Update

With no more CINA business to be discussed, Bill spoke as our County Commissioner on what is going on within Collier County. Topics covered a new tax coming to collect money for storm water collection, with an exemption for Ag-zoned land so we may be exempt. A discussion on maintenance of roads and how much is the county willing to do. Bill announced he was made chairman of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and gave a run-down on

what roads were being planned in the future. The President's update on what's going on in Collier County is always a fun and valuable part of our bi-monthly meetings, for which we are thankful.

Adjourned at 8:15 pm.