



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES May 18, 2018

Members Present:

Dan Adams	Greg Adkins	Ed Bolter
Brandon Box	Janeth Castrejon	Dave Dale
Gray Davis	Dan Eveloff	Gary Griffin
Dennie Hamilton	Randy Henderson	Robert Jones
Kristi Knupp	Bob Koenig	Randy Krise
Sanjay Kurian	Bev Larson	Gail Markham
Michael Martin	Rick McCormack	John Meyer
David Miller	Karen Miller	Cathleen Morgan
Adam Palmer	Steve Pontius	Amy Quaremba
Brian Rist	Robbie Roepstorff	Robert Ryan
Russell Schropp	Benjamin Siegel	Mark Stevens

Members Absent:

Mark Anderson	Darryl Aubuchon	David Barton
Amanda Brock	B.J. Brundage	Mike Burgers
David Cato	Anita Cereceda	Dane Eagle
Lee Ford	John Gardner	Chauncey Goss
Kelsey Griffin	Doug Gyure	Dave Hamblett
Tom Hoolihan	Errol Howard	Jenny Jennings
Neil Kagan	Wayne Kirkwood	Nancy Korista
Jacki Liszak	John LaFreniere	Tony Lapi
Ron Mahan	John Manning	Eddie Metzger
Charlotte Miller	Jeff Miloff	Gene Monteneri
Jennifer Nelson	Scott Richardson	Bob Rosier
Bill Schroeder	Ben Spence	Chris Spiro
Nate Swan	Gary Tasman	Jessica Wells
Jim Wilson		

Staff Present:

Warren Baucom	Rachel Busch	Rebecca Czyz
Antranette Forbes	Tiffany Grint	Pamela Johnson
Amy McQuagge	Glen Salyer	

I. CALL TO ORDER

Council Chair, Gray Davis, called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Davis thanked Robert Jones again for the use of the facility at Florida SouthWestern State College. Member introductions followed.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2017 meeting was made by Dennie Hamilton, seconded by Russell Schropp, and unanimously approved.

III. HORIZON FOUNDATION REPORT

Foundation President, Gary Griffin introduced Dilman Thomas as the new Horizon Foundation fundraiser that started late January of 2018. He thanked the IDA again for their support of the new position. Griffin reported that since Thomas' start in January, he had raised \$304,875.00 to date, which already exceeds the contributions and funding from 2017.

Griffin also noted that the Foundation had entered into a contract in early January with an accounting firm to provide Foundation accounting services. Griffin introduced Sharon Brotherton of ShaBro Alternative Office Solutions as the new Foundation accountant.

IV. KEYNOTE SPEAKER

The Florida Housing Coalition Report was completed at the request of the Lee County Attainable Housing Steering Committee. The committee is a collective action work group made up of volunteers in the business, non-profit and government communities, whose goal is to increase the amount of housing available to Lee County's workforce. The report was paid for in part by the Horizon Foundation.

Horizon Council Chair Davis introduced speaker Benjamin Toro-Spears, Technical Advisor, Florida Housing Coalition, as the keynote speaker. A copy of the Lee County Attainable Housing report is available upon request.

V. VOTING MEMBER INPUT

Scott Gregory invited the group to attend the 24th Annual Southwest Florida Blue Chip Community Awards program on Thursday, November 1, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point. This is a Horizon Council endorsed program that recognizes small businesses that have overcome adversity to achieve success. There will be no invitations sent this year, look up eventbrite.com and search for Blue Chip to register.

Griffin directed the group to look at the back of their agenda packets to see the award categories for the 2018 Industry Appreciation Awards held October 4, 2018. He challenged the group to think of businesses that would qualify for one of the awards and forward the business an application to fill out.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.