

**Sun City PRIDES
Membership Meeting
April 1, 2017**

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by President Ken Smith.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Tyler Gilbert, a financial advisor with Edward-Jones spoke to the Membership about investing some of our money rather than leaving it in savings accounts that earn little or no interest. He explained that diversification accounts are ideal for organizations such as ours to maximize earnings with minimal risks. There would be no penalty to withdraw money from a diversified account, but the process could take 4-5 business days.

After Mr. Gilbert had left, Horst Nanke asked if advisors from other companies could speak to us about investing. The Board will look into this.

MCDOT – Oscar Pena

Spraying in Phase I is nearly complete. Asked if he was aware of any ground contamination along Olive Avenue, Oscar said he suspected a problem since no weeds grow in that area. The County will test the soil. John Kuhn, Troy Gribler, Oscar and Ken met this week to discuss relocation of some of the sprinklers on Thunderbird west of 99th to Del Webb and on Del Webb north of Thunderbird to Bell Road.

New members:

There are no new members in Phase I and III, but there are three in Phase II. Also Kelzi Willneff, grand daughter of our founder, Joe McIntyre, has joined the Saturday squad. During Pat Richardson's absence, Rosemary Lynch will need an assistant coordinator in Phase I.

Minutes:

The minutes were emailed to the Membership after the March meeting. Ronn Enzweiler made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Jerry Kavanagh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

March income	\$1,188.61
March expenses	\$865.49

Beautification Committee:

107th Avenue as far as Peoria Avenue has been staked for 198 trees. This will be the final phase of the Desert Canopy Project. Plans have been made for the Arbor Day planting on April 27th. The meandering path on Olive Avenue between 107th and 111th is on hold, pending discussions as to the most appropriate plan for that area.

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Old Business:

Arbor Day Committee chairperson:

Linda Dircks has made the arrangements for 2017, but she has resigned as chairperson of the committee. Ronn Enzweiler volunteered to take Linda's place.

Sprayers:

Under the new MCDOT/PRIDES contract, the County will pay for us to have two certified sprayers. This includes the cost of training and certification, as well as insurance coverage. Anyone interested in these positions should contact a Board member.

Summer Coverage:

Each Phase Coordinator will have backup for the summer –Art Huseonica will help in Phase II, and Ritchie Miller will help in Phase III. Grace Kinsey will cover the Squad. We need a volunteer for Phase I.

New Business:

New MCDOT requirement:

Under the new MCDOT/PRIDES contract, "the PRIDES shall report to the County monthly the number of volunteers and the number of hours worked by those volunteers on activities within the County right-of-way." This is now required for liability insurance coverage. Ken asked that the Phase Coordinators and Squad leaders collect the data monthly.

Home and Garden Show:

This annual event will be held at Sundial on April 12th. Dorothy has already made her plans for the PRIDES exhibit.

Francine Jennings asked whether the Membership will be able to vote on the decision of financial investments. Ken reminded everyone that Article X of the Articles of Incorporation states that "the affairs of the Corporation shall be conducted by a Board of Directors...". The Membership votes for the Board members to represent them. The Investment Committee is made up of the President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer and a Member-at-Large, and they will make a recommendation to the Board as to the best way to manage the money. Tom Sullivan pointed out that this is the first time that such a large sum of money is to be expended.

The money jar was won by Judy Inglis.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20am.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosie Swain
Secretary