

**Sun City PRIDES
Membership Meeting
April 7, 2018**

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Molly Soblewski.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Troy Gribler, MCDOT, shared updates: Weed spraying is on hold pending the arrival of a new spraying machine. The guard rail at 99th and Boswell is scheduled for repair this month. Concerns were raised about overgrown trees and bushes hanging over the wall along 99th that are too high for the PRIDES to manage, the drainage grates at 99th and Burns that seem to be “sinking”, and holes in the southbound lane of Del Webb. Troy will check into these issues.

New members: There is one new member in Phase I, no new members in Phase II, and two new members in Phase III.

Minutes: Jay Wood made a motion to accept the minutes of the March Membership meeting as read. The motion was seconded by Nancy Kachinski, and the motion carried.

Treasurer’s report: Total income for March was \$7.05, a donation from our new member, Melinda Wills, who won last month’s money jar. Total expenses were \$1,830.54, which included the cost of painting the PRIDES building. Fay Knowles orchestrated a donation of 200 tree guards by a former business associate. Jerry Kavanagh made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report. The motion was seconded by Jay Wood, and the motion carried.

Beautification Committee: Mike and some members of the Beautification Committee, along with the Executive Board, met with MCDOT to review the 2018-2019 work plan. Topics included “No Litter” signs, sidewalks and the battery-operated timers for the irrigation systems. Landscaping along Del Webb is scheduled for December/January. MCDOT will review plans for placement of sporadic trees along Del Webb. Plants have been moved from Bell Road to the northern end of Del Webb as planned. In November, oleanders will be planted along Bell Road where the orange trees were. In October, the medians along Alabama from 103rd to 107th will be populated with trees. In February, the same will be done for the medians along Alabama from 107th to 111th. Mike has a plan in place to water new plantings during the upcoming summer and fall. MCDOT wants to remove unused water valves/meters on the Thunderbird median, east of 99th, and on the Thunderbird median, west of Del Webb. There are currently no plants there, and neither area is accessible for planting. Each valve costs the county approximately \$85 per month.

Jerry Kavanagh thanked the Saturday Squad for all their hard work and their willingness to accept recent changes in the activities that the Squad undertakes.

Jeannie Dircks reminded everyone to submit their volunteer hours to their Phase Coordinators. MCDOT requests an accounting of total hours worked by PRIDES each month. Jeannie also thanked those who recently helped move and reposition rocks along Del Webb.

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Old Business:

Arbor Day – April 26th. Three trees will be planted in memory of three PRIDES, and ten additional trees will be planted to recognize the 10th anniversary of Arbor Day in Sun City. A program is being planned, and Supervisor Hickman is scheduled to attend.

Deborah Douglas, our new coordinator of the Membership roster, explained that the PRIDES' Hotmail account is difficult to manage and has restrictions on the numbers of emails that can be sent in a 24-hour period. She recommended that we change to a gmail account, which would have no restrictions. She also recommended that we purchase updated Microsoft Office software for the PRIDES' computer. Jay Wood made a motion that Deborah be given permission to pursue the recommended changes as discussed. Lloyd Maple seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The Phase Coordinators and the Squad Leader will be notified of new members and members who resign. The Membership roster will be sent out quarterly.

Ken Smith spoke with ADOT about the dead/dying plants in the medians along Grand Avenue, east of 99th. There are no plans to replace the plants.

New Business:

The Sun City Lifelong Learning Club has approached Molly with an opportunity for us to present a 1½ hour class about the PRIDES in the fall. Anyone interested should contact Molly.

RCSC requests that no golf carts be parked near the entrance to the Bell meeting rooms. Molly thanked members for their compliance.

Bylaws revisions: The Bylaws Committee recommended two changes in the Bylaws, which were approved at the March meeting. 1) Article IV, second paragraph, was changed to have no more than nine (9) members on the Board, and 2) September was added to the list of months when no meetings are held. The revised Bylaws have been posted on the PRIDES webpage.

Mike Will suggested Fall and Spring potlucks to bring PRIDES together in addition to the annual luncheon. The Fall event will be organized at the May meeting.

Jim Green, former Sun City Rotarian, recently passed away. The Rotary would like to plant a large tree and a Peace Pole in his memory. The Rotary will pay for this, but they want to coordinate the planting with the PRIDES.

The money jar was won by Phyllis Frederick.

The next meeting will be May 5, 2018.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosie Swain