

**Sun City PRIDES
Membership Meeting
March 3, 2018**

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

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Carisa Hamm, MCDOT, shared updates: Most of the items discussed at last month's meeting have been completed. The area along Santa Fe, on the south side of the wall, east of 99th, is the responsibility of State Flood Control, not MCDOT. The area needs attention, and Carisa will get contact information for that department. The damaged guardrail at 99th and Boswell has not been repaired. The original guardrail does not meet the new safety standards, and MCDOT is working on how to approach the repair.

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

Molly reported that she has had complaints about the negative attitudes at these monthly meetings. She said that we come here to share ideas about how to keep Sun City beautiful, and this is no place for bullying, accusations and/or harassment.

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

Treasurer's report: Total income for February was \$1,206.49. This included a \$200 donation from Gladys Schroeder and \$688 in interest from investments. Total expenses for February were \$6,009.33. This figure included the cost of the Appreciation Luncheon and the cost of the trees planted along Alabama. Ritchie explained the Amazon Smile Reward Program, which is similar to the Fry's Reward Program. Ronn Enzweiler made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Ken Smith, and the motion carried.

Beautification Committee: Mike is still looking for volunteers to water the newer plants/trees through the summer. The plants have been removed from the north end of Del Webb and will be replaced with cacti. The east end of Bell Road is still a work in progress. Weed whackers are causing damage to the trunks of the new trees along 107th. Fay Knowles suggested tree guards that would protect the trunks. Mike will look into that. MCDOT does not allow plants along streets that do not have a curbing, i.e. 99th Avenue. Many of ADOT's plants along Grand Avenue (east of 99th) have died. Mike will follow up with ADOT.

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Old Business:

Luncheon report – 144 people attended. Total cost was \$4,727.02, well within the approved budget of \$5,000.

Arbor Day – April 26th. Two trees will be planted in memory of two 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.

Vests – Carisa Ham had said earlier that the County would not provide us with safety vests, but Ima has a box of vests that MCDOT gave her. Carisa will check on this. Once Ima gets the vests, she sews PRIDES' patches on the backs.

New Business:

Minutes of the Board of Directors' meetings are now posted on the PRIDES webpage, beginning with the January 2018 meeting.

Molly introduced Rick Elstner, new Building & Equipment manager. Rick is in the process of doing an inventory and asked anyone currently using PRIDES' power equipment to contact him.

The money jar was won by Melinda Wells, our new member from Phase I!

The next meeting will be April 7, 2018.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosie Swain