

**Sun City PRIDES
Membership Meeting
May 6, 2017**

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

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

New members: There are no new members this month.

Minutes:

Jerry Kavanagh made a motion to approve the minutes of the April Membership meeting. Rosemary Lynch seconded the motion. The motion carried. The April minutes were posted on the website before being approved by the Membership. Going forward, minutes will be emailed to the Membership by the 15th of the month and will be posted on the website after being approved.

Treasurer's Report:

- April income: \$96.51
- April expenses: \$1,620.31

Once again, Ritchie encouraged us to join the Fry's Reward Program.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Ronn Enzweiler and seconded by Jerry Kavanagh. The motion carried.

Oscar Pena, MCDOT, shared updates:

Oscar brought flyers for MCDOT's Action Transportation Plan meeting to be held on 05/11/2017 at the MCDOT facility on Bell Road. They're still spraying weeds, and they're also trimming palm trees.

Bluestakes have been set for 180 trees on 107th Avenue and Cherry Hills.

MCDOT picks up orange trash bags on Monday and occasionally on Tuesdays. If PRIDES have bags later in the week, MCDOT will pick them up if possible. Rosie Swain will be the contact person if there are bags to be picked up after Mondays.

Beautification Committee:

Planting along Bell Road is underway. The committee's 5-year plan has been submitted to the County and accepted. Mike has approval to plant an additional 198 trees along 107th, which will complete the Desert Canopy Project. He has trimmed the new trees for this year, but he hopes to have a trimming group in place by next spring. Trimming will only be necessary for three to five years until the trees mature. Sidewalks are planned along Lindgren and have been requested for Olive and Bell. MCDOT is planning to convert manual sprinklers along Bell Road to battery-operated sprinklers. We have offered to help fund the conversion.

The Sun City Rotary Club asked for a presentation of the Desert Canopy Project. They will be donating \$1,000.00 to the cost of the project.

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Information:

Bylaws: The Bylaws Committee made recommendations for four changes to the Bylaws, and the Board voted on all four this morning. Molly reminded the Membership that only one of the three Bylaws Committee members is from the Board and that the Bylaws are reviewed every year. If members are not happy with the changes, they will have an opportunity to make additional changes next year.

Insurance: MCDOT needs to have a monthly total of the number of volunteer hours worked by PRIDES. This is required by their insurance, which covers us when working in County right of way. Members should give their total monthly hours to their Phase Coordinator. Squad members are to give their hours to the Phase Coordinator for their residence. Phase Coordinators will forward the hours to Jeanne Dircks, who will give the final count to Caitlin Brady of MCDOT.

Letter of Agreement with MCDOT: The PRIDES have signed the agreement, as has Jennifer Toth, head of MCDOT. The rest of the MCDOT signatures will be collected at a meeting this week, and then we will receive a copy of the agreement. The Agreement is good for five years, although the PRIDES and MCDOT will meet each spring to review it.

Certified Sprayer: According to federal and state regulations, if a person has passed the certification exam, he/she must be a paid employee of an agency or company in order to spray. Volunteer certified sprayers must be directly supervised by a certified sprayer employed by an agency or company. Our plans to have our own certified sprayer are currently on hold.

Publicity: Art Huseonica is writing an article about the PRIDES and our need for more volunteers, which will be published in the fall. Rusty Bradshaw is writing an article about all of the volunteer organizations in Sun City. Rusty's article will be published in the near future.

Board Meetings: Effective in October, the Board will meet after the Membership meeting, instead of before. This will give the Membership an opportunity to express their opinions on some of the issues to be brought up at the Board meeting.

The money jar was won by Steve Owen.

The next meeting will be on October 7, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosie Swain
Secretary