Sun City PRIDES Membership Meeting November 4, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 8:55 a.m. by President Ken Smith.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

Minutes:

Ronn Enzweiler made a motion to approve the minutes of the October Membership meeting. Jay Wood seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Ritchie presented his October report. Jay Wood made a motion to approve the report. Jerry Kavanagh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ritchie is the chairman of this year's Nominating Committee, and he asked for volunteers to serve with him. Mike Cullen volunteered. One more volunteer is needed.

Ritchie also asked for two volunteers to serve on the Investment Committee. Ken Schueman volunteered. One more volunteer is needed.

Once again, Ritchie encouraged PRIDES to sign up for the Community Rewards Program through Fry's.

Reyes Lara and Carisa Ham, MCDOT, shared updates:

Stump grinding has begun and will continue as the equipment, which is shared among MCDOT yards, becomes available. All irrigation system batteries along Bell Road have been replaced. Dead oranges trees are being removed along Bell Road. Repair of the damaged guardrail at Boswell & 99th Avenue has been scheduled.

Beautification Committee:

Mike reported that the committee is looking into plants for Del Webb once the existing stumps are removed. They must comply with MCDOT sight requirements, which limit plants to 2 ½ feet high in the medians. The nursery has suggested lantana or ruella katies, since both are low-growing and flower year-round.

Asked about the proposed meandering walkway along Olive, Reyes confirmed that it is in the design stages and should be completed by next April.

Mike asked for additional volunteers to serve on the Beautification Committee.

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Information:

The Operational Support List needs to be updated. Ken asked chairpersons and leaders to update their group lists.

The Membership List also needs to be updated. Ken asked the Phase Coordinators to update their workers.

Ken presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Olga Jackson for her 18 years as a PRIDES member. Olga has served on the Board of Directors, as well as the Beautification Committee, and she was instrumental in the improvements of the Bell Road medians. She is moving from Sun City, and we will miss her.

Ron Enzweiler requested that the PRIDES purchase orange safari hats to replace the current orange ball caps. The caps do not afford much protection from the sun. Ron also discussed Arbor Day, 2018, which will be the 10th anniversary of the PRIDES planting trees in memory of its members. He is the Chairman of the Arbor Day Committee.

The money jar was won by Grace Kinsey.

The next meeting will be on December 2, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosie Swain Secretary