

Friendly Villagers Board Meeting

June 4, 2024

10:00 am

Miami Shores Country Club

Members Present:

Susanne Rice

Frances O'Connell

Jacqueline Murdocco

Kendra Borja

Sunja Leon Jean Jacques

Linda Cabassa

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Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Susanne Rice

Reading and Approval of Minutes

- Substitute Recording Secretary, Linda Cabassa read the minutes of the last meeting.
- No additions or corrections were noted.

Welcome of New Board Members

- Susanne Rice welcomed new board members: Jacqueline Murdocco as the new 2024/2025 Treasurer (replacing Nan Simon) and Kendra Borja as Recording Secretary (Role to be split between Kendra Borja and Frances Walsh).

Budget Report

- The Treasurer's Report was read by Jacqueline Murdocco
 - Copies of the 2024 and 2025 budgets were handed out.
 - Board Reviewed the 2023 budget line-by-line and bank balance as of May 31.
 - Announced \$11K in grants and scholarships to be distributed.
 - Board reviewed projections for 2024.
 - Board discussed starting ticket sales earlier for the fashion show.
 - Board emphasized the need to improve auction items and enhance directory advertising.
 - Board discussed collection of dues, raising due fees and membership growth.
 - Jacqueline Murdocco suggested starting a GoFundMe in advance of scholarships and grants.
 - Jacqueline Murdocco highlighted the importance of lowering fashion show costs and changing the structure of raffles and auction items.
 - Jacqueline Murdocco noted that general expenses are expected to stay the same.
 - Susanne Rice made the following comments:

- Noted attendance at an Miami Shores Alliance meeting on 6/5 to determine the outcome of the grant request.
- Give Day participation was discussed, but noted it is close to the fashion show.
- Susanne Rice called for a motion to approve budget:
 - Kendra Borja motioned for budget approval.
 - Sunja Leon Jean Jacques seconded the motion.
 - Motion passed.

Action Items:

- Budget to be included in newsletters to update the membership.

Ongoing Business:

- Fran O'Connell provided an update on members' health and wellness.
- Susanne Rice noted that:
 - New ambassadors from last month will be present at each meeting to welcome attendees.
 - Ongoing collection of dues and donations for advertising.
 - Verification and updates for the directory are being collected at meetings
 - Fashion show committee will meet in August; all interested parties are welcome to attend.
 - Speakers for today's session and the close of the summer.

New Business:

- Sunja Leon Jean Jacques provided a Compliance Report:
 - Discussed the importance of IRS compliance.
 - Suggested making minutes and budget accessible online.
 - Proposed a training session on roles and processes.
 - Recommended sending the agenda in advance and the budget monthly as part of our 501-3c designation.
 - Stressed the need to ensure our books are in order.

Motion for Special Training:

- Kendra Borja motioned for Sunja Leon Jean Jacques to provide training at a special meeting on June 25th at 10:30 AM.
- Jacqueline Murdocco seconded.
- Meeting scheduled.

New Members

- Susanne Rice noted that three new members joined and encouraged Board members to welcome them during the general membership meeting.

Adjournment:

- Motion to Close
- Fran O'Connell moved to close the meeting.

- Kendra Borja seconded the motion.
- Meeting was adjourned.
