



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 (10:00 AM)
#01 MSFV 2024 SEPTEMBER MEETING
Location: MIAMI SHORES COUNTRY CLUB
Called to Order: 12:00 PM
Adjourned: 1:04PM

Introduction:

Susanne Rice, President - Welcome Back

Invocation:

Lisa DePriest provided the invocation.

New Members Update:

Linda Cabassa,

- Linda read the names and welcomed the new members to Miami Shores Friendly Villagers
- September Birthdays: All who celebrate September Birthdays were recognized by name and members sang the birthday song.

Reports:

Kendra Campbell Borja, Recording Secretary:

- Minutes will no longer be read during each meeting. Instead, members can access the monthly Board and General meeting minutes:
 - 1) On the website,
 - 2) Via the monthly email
 - 3) At the welcome table during the monthly luncheon.

Jacqui Murdocco, Treasurer, provided the financial report, which included:

- Bank balance \$7200 and additional fundraising activities updates.
- An update was provided regarding status of directory ads revenue and recent birthday donation fundraisers.
- A reminder to members to speak with contacts to find new sponsors for the fashion show.

Helen Mendel, Corresponding Secretary Update:

- Provided by Susanne Rice in lieu of Helen Mendel who was absent.

Old Business

Susanne Rice, President:

- Member Dues Reminder
 - A reminder was given regarding payment member dues. Please see Jacqui Murdocco. Members are now able to pay via Zelle and Check
- Scholarship Update
 - Four scholarships were awarded, including "Sister to Sister" and Chick-fil-A scholarships.
 - The board expressed how rewarding it was to meet the scholarship recipients.

New Business

Susanne Rice, President

- Fashion Show Committee
 - Volunteers Needed. Please see a Board member for more information
- New Volunteer Roles
 - Second Recording Secretary and Historian Role Board positions are Vacant
 - The historian role is a newly added Board Position
 - If interested, please speak with a Board member for more information.

Special Speaker Introduction

Fran O'Connell Introduced Guest Speaker: Katia Saint Fleur

- Topic: ****Democracy, Respect, and Civic Engagement****
- Katia spoke about the importance of coming together to make America better, highlighting how politics can create divisions. She encouraged everyone to vote, stressing the need to seek factual information from trusted sources. Katia emphasized that in Miami Shores, the recent voter turnout for the primary election was just 13%, and that the minority of voters should not decide for 100%. She encouraged respect for differing opinions, understanding others' positions, and finding ways to bridge common ground. Lastly, she challenged everyone to serve their community and give back in any way possible.

Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation

- Susanne Rice presented a certificate to Katia Saint Fleur for her guest speaker service at this meeting.

Open Discussion/Announcements

Sanda Infanti-Eusepi

- Member of the Miami Art League, announced the ****October 19th Auction**** (1930 to today).
- Sanda encouraged support for the 100-year-old organization and mentioned that small businesses can advertise in their 1,000-copy newsletter, providing a good opportunity for members to promote themselves.

Sage Hoffman:

- Announced that she is moving to Boston in 30 days and hopes to become a snowbird.
- She is hosting a ****Garage Sale and Lemonade Stand**** on Saturday at 9 AM at 55 NW 94th Street. Voter registration will also be available.

Kathy Rodman (Ocean Lifelong Learning Institute)

- Announced that Tuesday Morning classes, starting September 10th at 10:30 AM. At the next meeting they will cover International Relations and Current Events.

Adjournment

President Susanne Rice adjourned the meeting at 1:04 PM.