AACI Steering Committee Meeting Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Meeting Called To Order at 6:58 pm by: Treasurer, Chad W., who led those present in the Serenity Prayer.

Board members present: Leo W., Chris S., Sandy W., Tom S., Lori M., Chad W.

<u>Chairperson</u> Dan R. and <u>Secretary</u> Beth M. were absent due to illness.

Club Manager: Tom G.

Club Members present: Jeanne;

(New Board members: Judy B. and Lori M. were nominated and unanimously approved.)

Minutes of the previous Steering Committee Meeting were read, discussed and approved.

<u>Club Manager's Report:</u> was given by newly hired <u>Manager</u>, Tom G., who stated that all deposits are up to date, noting there is no money in Petty Cash at the moment. This will be remedied immediately. Tom led a discussion regarding using a 'square' for credit card purchases. He will meet with Iberia Bank tomorrow to discuss the best way to handle these sales.

Tom requested he be allowed to purchase a step ladder, and was generally assured he has the ability to purchase items he needs up to a ___?__ dollar amount.

Leo W. requested AACI encourage greater recycling efforts by placing a recycling container in the Main AA room and posting an adjacent sign stating:

"BE RESPONSIBLE ~ RECYCLE!" Unanimously supported and approved.

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u> Chad W. reported there is \$18,832.20 in the Iberia checking account, and stated that the Sheriff's Grant and HSAB grant applications have been submitted to the amount of \$20,000+- He stated that bookkeeper, Maria, and other officers, want read - only access to the Iberia checking account. The need for new password(s ?) was discussed.

Tom S. said he is working with AIDS Help, noting AIDS Help had changed the AACI ledger, but that he has reorganized things so as to readily know the totals, and instructed them regarding how we want our entries to be handled. He reports the cash numbers are correct, and he expects updates to the numbers. Tom also stated we may have \$14,000 more than expected via contributions and grants. Memberships in the amount of \$2,300 were misclassified, and he will be correcting that. Tom S. stressed we are in 'good shape' and expects we will continue to improve in these areas. All Tax Returns have been filed. CFKK is updated quarterly. Current membership figures were not available at this time.

It was also mentioned that while security cameras have been bought, they have not been installed. <u>Club Manager, Tom G.</u> will handle that.

Member Jeane requested information regarding Policy for reopening the Club post disaster, IE: post Irma. Board members assured her the Club was open and in use immediately after Irma, with meetings held in the Garden, as there was no electricity, etc. within the building immediately after the hurricane. Coffee, water and food was available.

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Two vacant Class A Board seats were filled when:

Chris S. nominated Lori M., Seconded by Sandy W., <u>Passed</u> Unanimously. followed by:

Lori nominating Judy B. for a Class A seat, Seconded by Chris S., <u>Passed</u> unanimously. Judy B. has volunteered to Chair the Fundraising Committee.

This led to a brief discussion of the Anonymous Angels Silent Auction fundraiser. Chris S. noted she is still trying to reach John Martini, who had previously stated he would be willing to donate one of his sculptures to be raffled off, rather than sold to the highest bidder, so all may have an equal opportunity to participate in the raffle. She will continue to pursue this project.

<u>Club Manager, Tom G</u>. proposed that Counter person, Mike ___, who has been with us for several years, receive a raise in pay to \$12 per hour. Seconded by Chad W., <u>Passed</u> unanimously, and effective on this date, October 16, 2018.

<u>Garden Committee:</u> Chris S. noted the new gate needs to be secured with a latch of some sort, as the wind repeatedly blows it open. We are still having problems with chickens coming into the garden under the gate, and have not yet discerned a way to keep the chickens out and still allow Morris, the Club cat, access from the street into the garden. She suggests persons who attend meetings at the Club, and who have Community Service requirements to fulfill be encouraged to help with garden clean up as well as cleaning within the Clubhouse itself. Tom G. offered to speak to Judge Jones about the possibility of cooperating with AACI in encouraging (?) those with Community Service obligations to fulfill them at AACI.

New or Unfinished Business

Member Jeane spoke to her concerns regarding leashed dogs being allowed in meetings, and the possibility of dog fights, airborne dander, etc. in the rooms. Chad W. explained that the Board had previously addressed this issue, stating the decision whether or not to allow leashed dogs under the control of their owners in the rooms would be left up to each group that uses meeting space within the clubhouse.

Sandi W. asked if AACI might be liable if someone is bitten. The Board determined we must check our insurance policy to be sure we are properly covered, and that adequate signage be posted making it clear that all dogs must be kept on leashes and controlled by their owners so as to preclude and prevent any problems between pets, or persons and pets. Tom G. to look into liability.

Motion made by Leo W. to ask ALL groups to be sure all animals are leashed and controlled at all times in and on Clubhouse property. Seconded by Lori M. Passed Unanimously.

AACI open Fantasy Fest Saturday, with meetings and food until the wee hours.

Motion to Adjourn: Leo W., Seconded by Lori M. Passed. Meeting adjourned 8PM. Respectfully submitted by Acting Secretary: Chris S.