

**HSIA GENERAL MEETING
THE KEY SCHOOL
July 12, 2007**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Shuman, Bruce Walker, Kate Penn, Noel Gasparin, Natalie Lobe, Laura Bertran

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Jean Somers

GUESTS: Tom Schwallenberg, Paulette Schwallenberg, Bernie Suskie, Ted Shepherd, Lee Ann Havard, John O'Neill, Blanche O'Neill, Leslie Sweeney, Robert McCarthy, Colleen O'Connell-Mitchell, Connie Sparrow, Judy Steinberg, Michael Gray, Mary Teresa Gray, Mark Jones, Deb Jones, Rebecca White, Timothy White, Carol Owen, Suzanne Martin, Angie Carroll, Ray Sullivan, Chris Elkington, Linda Elkington, Jackie Fletcher, Jack McPartland, Bernard Lobe, Kincey Porter, Kevin Green, Sean Shanahan, Amy Shanahan, Scott Mobley

Bill Shuman called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

Minutes from the May General Meeting were distributed and accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bruce Walker reported that our account balance at the end of the year was \$224,335.15. Bruce went over the Year End Highlights (attached). Two large community projects were paid in June – the entrance wall and sign and beach benches and improvements. Piers & Harbors did outstanding with their budget this year. They paid down almost \$20,000 in debt. There are still 11 people due refunds from the 1992 marina expansion project. They will be paid this fiscal year. Special Tax Fund revenue is better than plan due to advertising in *the Sea Breeze*. Expenditures less than plan due to under spending the security budget.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Bill Shuman thanked Hillsmere resident Penny Romar for her help in ordering the Hillsmere tee shirts. We have a new security company, Flagship Security. Flagship has installed sensor “buttons” around the community that the guards will touch as they patrol the community. This monitors the patrols and reports are given to Alan Weiss, our Security Chair. We still have an off-duty police officer patrolling Hillsmere and Randy Southers patrolling the beach and marina. We should have coverage every night for the rest of the summer.

ZONING & COVENANTS: We are looking for someone to handle the Zoning & Covenants position. A volunteer handled this in the past. We haven't had anyone volunteer to handle this for two years. The Board recommends paying an employee to handle Zoning & Covenants for Hillsmere as well as Building Permits. The individual would be paid \$20 an hour and the Board estimates 20 hours per month, \$5000 a year. The Board approved this as Special Tax money, but has realized we cannot spend Special Tax money for this purpose. **Ted Shepherd motioned that the FY2008 General Fund budget be amended to spend up to \$5000 to fund a new part time paid position to handle building permits and zoning and covenants complaints. Kate Penn seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Vote taken – 21 in favor, 7 against.** It was recommended that the Board actively pursue a volunteer before paying a new part time employee. The board will advertise again in *the Sea Breeze* for a volunteer.

BEACH RESTORATION: Kate Penn thanked the beach committee that has worked hard to gather information for the beach restoration project. Kate reported that the board has approved

Flood Bros. to design a comprehensive shoreline restoration plan. \$85,000 is set-aside in this fiscal year budget. This is a multi-year plan and the first stage is design. Kate introduced guests Nancy Potter, President of the South River Federation and John Flood of Flood Bros. Inc. Our focus is to restore the shoreline and preserve the habitat. John Flood gave a presentation that included his credentials and background as well as his focus for our shoreline restoration.

ANNAPOLIS NECK PENINSULA FEDERATION: Scott Mobley, President of ANPF, spoke on the legal battles with Bay Village, across from the Giant and near the Mexican Café. He gave a history of court cases. Scott thanked HSIA for their \$1000 donation and thanked Bill Shuman for his help in the Samaras Property. Ray Sullivan mentioned that there will be an article in *the Sea Breeze* letting everyone know where they can send a donation to the ANPF.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Jean Somers reported that we have 593 members to date.

COMMUNITY SURVEY: Natalie Lobe reported that the Survey results are going well. Action Plans are being presented to the Board for approval. We have started a “Volunteer Corner” in *the Sea Breeze* that is a direct result of the survey.

PIERS & HARBOR: We have 124 slips – 122 are contracted, 2 slips are outstanding. There are more than 150 residents on the waitlist.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Bill Shuman mentioned that Angie Carroll will chair our new Welcoming Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Somers
Administrator