

MAPLE LEAF HOMEOWNERS' MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY – JANUARY 6, 2020

Presiding: V.P. Activities Mike Smith with President Gary Kobel. Meeting was called to order by Mike Smith at 9:30 a.m. with a moment of silence to remember friends and loved ones no longer with us, and the men and women who are serving in the world's troubled spots to protect our freedom.

1. **ELECTIONS:** Secretary Martin Smyth announced the candidates for the Board of Directors. For the 1-year term: Gary Kobel (#328). For the 3-year terms: Joe Anderson (#243), Jim Harrison (#856), Barry Maines (#84) and Mike Rooney (#317).
2. **WELCOME TO NEW HOMEOWNERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Robin & Robby Buerkett (#642), Madelyn Dillingham (#74), George & Connie Foley (#775), Joe Jenny & Carol Meyers (#1013), Dan & Merry Lee Cross (#957), John Boag & Tara Stanford (#577), Bill & Darlene Robertson (#73), Steve & Margaret Anne Yoder (#733).
3. **NEWCOMERS WELCOME COMMITTEE:** Enid Lunt invited all to the newcomers gathering on Monday, Jan. 13 at 10:30 a.m. in the Country Club.
4. **MINUTES:** Minutes of December 2, 2019 were accepted as distributed.
5. **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT** Gary Kobel: thanked the candidates for their decision to run; reminded all to send in their Attendance Proxy to establish a quorum for the annual general meeting; announced the information session on Jan. 16 from 1 to 3 p.m. focusing on the high-speed internet project and status for the Feb. 1 kickoff; wished Dave Zakikian well during his recovery; also on Jan. 16, 7 to 9 p.m. is Meet the Candidates Night, encouraged all to attend; re \$100 food & beverage assessment – remember to tell your server that you want to apply your purchase toward this; asked attendees to try to limit their comments to global issues and keep them to three minutes or less; announced new restaurant staff, restaurant manager Trista, also hired a new sous chef and wait staff; introduced new “Name That Tune” game to be held on Saturday, Jan. 11, dinner 5 to 7 p.m., \$12 inclusive, followed by game from 7 to 9 p.m.
6. **SPECIAL PRESENTATION:** Gary made a special gift presentation to Phil Bamforth who recently retired after managing Channel 195 for 19 years and acknowledged his contribution to the Maple Leaf community with a check and certificate.
7. **REAL ESTATE** by Vicki Teel: thanked office volunteers, two mortgage lenders now available to U.S. buyers, offered staging advice for sellers, Open House scheduled for tomorrow, Jan. 7, from 1 to 4 p.m.; thanked all for their friendliness while agents are showing prospective buyers around the park.
8. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT** by Mitch Krach: working to integrate the new gate entry system with Jonas; new roof being installed on the Pro Shop; painting of the perimeter wall to start next week; working with paving company to address drainage issues; thanked all for the wonderful holiday décor; reported 94 homes sold in 2019; reminder to renew fitness membership, \$40; Chef Roger working with new menu items and establishing consistency, new Happy Hour prices, golfers with a hole-in-one will be eligible for happy hour prices, please support the Country Club.
9. **GROUNDS AND GOLF COURSE UPDATE** by Chris Spence: received 3.5” rain in December and 57.7” for the year 2019; homeowners should not bring trash to the Maintenance Dept. as the corporation incurs extra expense for these pickups; seawall at #11 is being repaired; course will close following Ladies' shotgun on Jan. 31; lawn mowing this week.
10. **PRO SHOP REPORT** by Nathan Wilson: memberships are available for those interested; Jan. 12 Scottish Open, sign

up starting Jan. 8; Taste of Golf starting Jan. 15, good introduction for new players, contact Walt Lemon (#437); new handicap system posing some issues, golfers can post scores at GHIN.com and download app; Twilight tee times start at 3 p.m. except on crossover days, working on changes to make those times available.

11. RESIDENT INPUT:

- a) Pat McEvoy (#987) announced plans for annual Flea Market; Thursday, Jan. 30, 1 to 2 p.m. furniture & bike sale, everything else on Friday, Jan. 31. Need a few more volunteers to help. Next sale features jewelry, hats, scarves, etc.- drop off donations on Jan. 14.
- b) Norm Harrison (#1047) spoke about the 2020 census and requested all residents change their mailing address from Punta Gorda to Port Charlotte so that federal funds are allocated appropriately.
- c) Denise Maines (#84) thanked the women models, photographer and Jolene Scofield for putting together the Garden Club calendar. Donated \$900 in sales proceeds to Norm Harrison, chair of the Garden Club.
- d) Jim Harrison (#856) announced the Spaghetti Dinner coming up on Jan. 20 from 4 to 7 p.m. Tickets, \$8, support the Fire Club. Tickets are being sold door to door. Take out is also available.
- e) Enid Hunt, on behalf of the Tai Chi Club, donated \$100 to the History Book committee. Accepted by Mike Smith.

12. DIRECTOR REPORTS:

- a) Treasurer Karen Hamilton made a presentation explaining “how the corporation spends our money” including a breakdown by department. The 2020 operating budget is a break-even budget.
- b) Thanked all the clubs for their donations toward the purchase of new lighting for the Country Club.
- c) Some monthly statements are bouncing back due to invalid email addresses. Please see Linda or Kelly to update your records.
- d) Mike Smith showcased a few of the photos (others are on the website) of the Christmas parades and parties and offered special thanks to organizers Miles & Pat McEvoy and the Fred & Linda Messbauer family for the Santa family, all the photographers for submitting their great pictures, and all the clubs, Park staff and homeowners for all the decorations throughout the Park. Highlighted upcoming events in January – always watch Ch195 for details. Toured the advertising section on the MLE website.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:38 a.m.