

Harbour Heights Civic Association
General Meeting
Tuesday, March 8, 2022
7:00 p.m.

Attendance: Karen Pike, Jeff El-Khalidi, Martha Wilson, Brenda Beiter, Al Pike, Jeff Good and 34 additional attendees and three special speakers.

Karen Pike, President opened the meeting with a welcome to attendees followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. She then recapped our February events with the attendees. Al Pike informed the group of the winners from the Super Bowl event and Brenda Beiter congratulated the winners of the Chili Cook Off. Karen informed everyone of the plant sale that the Garden Club will be holding next Saturday, March 19 from 9-noon at 27283 San Marco Drive. Proceeds will assist in maintaining the Butterfly Garden to the side of the Civic Center. Karen invited everyone to join us for Bingo on Monday evening.

Karen then informed the group of our upcoming speakers. At our General Meeting in April, we will hear a presentation from Tracey Jewell from Charlotte County Code Compliance. In May, we will hear a presentation from Restoring Oaks Human Trafficking, a non-profit organization in Charlotte County.

Martha Wilson, Treasurer reported that our Income for February was \$1,620, Expenses were \$2357 and our Balance is \$21,400.

Brenda Beiter, Secretary mentioned that Paul Davis Restoration was our speaker for January and encouraged all to attend our meetings as Karen works to get speakers we would all enjoy.

Al Pike, House Chairman, mentioned that last Saturday was a fire extinguisher inspection and we passed for another year. He is still trying to obtain a date to clean chairs and tables.

Jeff Good, Yacht Club Liaison informed us of their upcoming ice cream social on March 15 @ 6:30 p.m. at 27273 Voyageur Dr. They will be making decisions regarding the future of the club. On Sunday, March 20, there will be a Boat Poker Run with a post-party at Brenda & Terry Morris's house. Dues are \$15/person if you wish to join.

Helene Hart discussed Earth Day Cleanup on Friday, April 22. Charlotte County is providing t-shirts, gloves and trash bags to all participants. Travel by foot, bicycle or golf cart to pick up trash in our community.

Eddie Driest is organizing a new Harbour Heights Environmental Committee. She said that Charlotte County is testing waterways, "One Charlotte/One Water" program. They are trying to identify where nutrients are coming from. If interested in joining the committee, please send an email to hhca2009@gmail.com.

We heard a presentation from the Fire Department with a Marine Operations Patrol, LT Dan West, Randy Browns, and Michael Bethen. All Marine Ops members take a Boat Op Search and Rescue Class in addition to all of their required Fire Department classes. They are trained in Rapid Drive Rescue. They don a rapid pack gear for the rescues. Their average time out of the dock from either Laisley Marina or Gasparilla Island is ten minutes. If anyone has trouble on the water, they still should call 911 and this team will be dispatched. A rescue beacon will be relayed by the Coast Guard to Marine Ops. The Coast Guard will only go in water over 12 feet deep. Many of their calls are for prop injuries where people get out of the boat and get injured with the prop. Reminder from the team, never run the motor when people are out of the boat. Following the indoor presentation, the team took the HHCA members outside for a boat presentation and additional water training. Pictures from the presentation:



Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Brenda Beiter, Secretary