

BURNT STORE ISLES ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
May 1, 2009

Officers Present

President – Joe Sabatino
Secretary –Theresa Murtha
Treasurer –Ben Crosby

Directors Present

Planning – Howard Elkin
Community Security – Charlie Council
Community Standards – Phil Zeitz
Special Projects –Anne Teichmiller

Officers Absent

Vice President – John Kruth

Directors Absent

Immediate Past President – Frank
“Chick” Petrosino
***Social Committee Chair** – Kathy
Kruth
Membership - Genny Ramachandran
Legal Liaison – Terry Miller
*Cynthia Council present for Social
Committee.

The BSIA May 1, 2009 Board meeting was called to order by President Joe Sabatino at 9:04 am.

The minutes of the April 3, 2009 Board meeting were approved and accepted. *The minutes will be posted on the BSI Association website.*

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Reports were reviewed and placed on file. The following were noted regarding or in addition to written reports on file:

Treasurer’s Report: Ben noted that a money market was opened at 2% interest with full liquidity.

President’s Report: “Protect our Children” search done by the Church was given with Charlie Council.

Social Committee: It was noted that the Gilchrist Park Barbeque was a great time with 64 in attendance. Thanks were issued to the committee, Anne Teichmiller for the popcorn

machine, and Susan Anderson for organizing the croquet and taking photos. Cynthia is taking reservations for Elk's Dinner and Cruise. In view of the space limitation on the boat, attendance is limited to 34 people.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

FPL Power Outages

Phil reported on a field review of BSI done by him, the City, and FP&L on Wednesday, April 29 identifying trees creating problems. Steve Padgett of the City of Punta Gorda is checking the permitting of those trees identified as probable causes of outage issues. (List of trees and addresses of their location filed with BSIA reports, May 2009.)

Joe indicated that the Board needed the City to come back formally indicating which trees are in the ROW and which are likely the City's responsibility. He pointed out that trees on private property would need to be trimmed or relocated by owners. Phil added that while FP&L will take out trees on private property that interfere with power wires, FP&L will not do regular maintenance trimming of these trees outside of the normal 3-year program. Per FP&L if they do remove a tree on private property, it is then the resident's responsibility for the tree clean-up.

A letter from BSIA and FP&L will be drafted and reviewed by the Board to be directed to owners in BSI with problem trees. Prominent coverage of this issue will also be given in the upcoming newsletter.

Joe also suggested that Laura Felmore, President of Twin Isles Country Club, be contacted regarding the newer trees aligning the country club that are directly under the power lines and likely to cause a problem in the future.

Directory Update

Joe indicated that the final pages of the directory were delivered to Buffalo Graffix Tuesday. The BSIA directory will be ready for distribution next week.

Community Outreach (CO) Update

Joe noted that the number of homes that have furnished forms as of this month were 741 out of 1173 residences. Howard will send out another email encouraging residents to go to the website and fill out the form.

Membership Discount Card

The Discount Card has been incorporated into the directory. While advertiser offers and discounts are still being worked on, Joe requested that Howard get a list of those obtained so far from Bob Filkin/Chick Petrosino and send out an email with the initial offers being given to members, and also put these offers on the website.

Go-Daddy E-mail Boxes

Charlie pointed out that you could have a Go-Daddy icon placed on your screen that would simplify Board Members getting to their mailboxes to respond to residents.

Contractors' List

Howard reported that the contractors' list on the BSIA website was reviewed and updated. Many BSI residents sent new information in response to a membership email. New categories and companies were added. Howard will send periodic emails requesting input to the list.

BSI Entranceways Project

Joe formally thanked Anne for her work on the Entranceways with their fresh painted signs anchors. BSIA has received a number of thank you's from residents. Joe requested that Anne look into plantings on US41 in front of the BSI community pointing out that these medians looked less developed than those in front of neighboring communities.

NEW BUSINESS

June Membership Meeting--Muscle Car Museum

A discussion took place regarding the meeting being held at the Muscle Car Museum on Tuesday, June 16, starting at 6 PM. The cost of the dinner was worked out with Rick Tweworgy at \$15 a person with an optional tour of the museum at a reduced price of \$5 (plus tax) per person.

A suggestion was made by Ben to subsidize the event to some extent to encourage attendance. After much discussion,

Howard Elkin made the following motion:

BSIA will subsidize the cost of the dinner at \$5 a person reducing the price of the dinner to \$10 per person.

Motion was seconded by Phil, and approved by a majority of the Board, with one abstention.

Bill Albers will provide an update on the budget and other topical matters.

Regarding an issue of liability insurance that came up with respect to BSIA cash reserves, Charlie said he would talk to agent with respect to insurance requirements.

Joe was also to look into larger space within the Museum for the June event.

Neighborhood Watch Program

Charlie is getting renewed interest in the program with several residents agreeing to participate when they return in the fall. Howard will send out another email recruiting volunteers.

Aircraft Noise Abatement

Issue was directed to the Airport Authority. After investigation, it was learned that the control tower in Fort Myers is routing some Direct Air flights over the community causing the noise issue. The Airport Authority is addressing the problem.

Membership Feedback County 2009 Budget

The Membership has been asked to give Charlotte County Commissioners feedback on possible budget cuts. A copy of the list of possible cuts was circulated to BSIA members for their inputs, pro and con. A collective response will be sent to all county commissioners.

Charlotte Alert

Joe noted that the county has added “Charlotte Alert” to their website, www.charlottecountyfl.com. Residents can design personalized information profiles indicating the kind and quantity of information they want to receive from the county electronically.

Website Fee Proposal

Tom Murphy has been filling in to help maintain the website. He is unable to continue to take the lead on this as webmaster . Given that no volunteer came forward to fill the webmaster position and the need to maintain the site to keep it viable, Howard requested a proposal from Dotti Vaivoda of SmallBizWebs to maintain the site.

After discussion, it was decided to purchase a maintenance package at a discounted price from SmallBizWebs, which hopefully will cover the job until a webmaster can be found.

A motion was made by Anne Teichmiller, seconded by Charlie Council to buy a 10-hour package at \$450. It was approved unanimously. It was also agreed that efforts would continue to recruit a volunteer.

Quarterly Newsletter

Articles are due to Stacey Scarrow by May 15. Board members and directors should submit their articles directly to Stacey.

Other

- Howard pointed out that dogs were running around off leach in back of Albacete Circle. Anne to contact Stacey with respect to Animal Control. Anne to include leash law information in her newsletter article.
- Mention of RV on Monaco –half on grass. Citation to be issued.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m. The next meeting will be June 5, 2009.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa H. Murtha
Secretary