

**BURNT STORE ISLES ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 6, 2009**

Officers Present

President – Joe Sabatino

Treasurer – Ben Crosby

Secretary – Theresa Murtha

Directors Present

Immediate Past President – Frank
“Chick” Petrosino

Legal Liaison – Terry Miller

Planning – Howard Elkin

Community Security – Charlie Council

Special Projects – Anne Teichmiller

Membership - Genny Ramachandran

Social Committee Chair – Kathy Kruth

Officers Absent

Vice President – John Kruth

Directors Absent

Community Standards – Phil Zeitz

The BSIA February 6, 2009 Board meeting was called to order by President Joe Sabatino at 9:07 am.

The minutes of the January 2, 2008 Board meeting were approved and accepted. *The minutes will be posted on the BSI Association website.*

Since Board Members were absent, a group picture shoot will be rescheduled via email.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Reports were reviewed and placed on file. The following were noted regarding reports:

Social Committee It was noted by K. Kruth that the B.S.I.A. Baseball outing will be the 22nd of March, not the 12th. The Visani Event was a great success with 89 members attending. Special thanks were extended to B. Townsend, C. Council and A. Sabatino for their outstanding job on this event. Forty-nine people have signed up for the Casino trip. As of February 6, there were 5 places left on the bus. Howard will send an email reminder indicating this, and that the first five to respond would get the seats.

Legal There was a brief discussion regarding a decision affecting community associations. Terry noted that it was the first time she had found an opinion that required less than 100% approval by owners to amend deed restrictions. Terry will attempt to get a copy of this decision to determine if there is anything here applicable to amendment of BSIA deed restrictions

ELECTION OF MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Gail Kapp has officially resigned the membership director position and Genny Ramachandran has volunteered to take on this role. In accordance with the bylaws, when a board member resigns in the course of the year after the annual election, the Board may elect a replacement at a regularly scheduled meeting.

At today's meeting a motion was entertained by Kathy Krupp and seconded by Howard Elkin to elect Genny Ramachandran to the membership director position replacing Gail Kapp. The motion was unanimously approved and Genny elected to the Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

Membership 2009 Update

As of the last update Genny received, 397 members had renewed, although more renewals had come in since this report. Genny noted that Sue Milstead was helping with reminder calls.

Joe asked Genny to plan sending a membership recruitment letter, highlighting Association accomplishments. The letter would be sent to residents (people who physically reside in BSI) and perhaps vacant lot owners as well, who are not BSIA members, encouraging membership.

Community Outreach (CO) Update

Joe, in reviewing the progress of the Community Outreach Program, noted that 60 new forms had been received since the last update. A total of 701 residences are now covered by forms out of 1173 residences. Chick indicated that he needed to ascertain with a representative of the police department how the update process for the database would take place.

Joe noted that he was going to make this CO program the thrust of his newsletter article, highlighting personal stories that demonstrate the importance of the program.

Kathy Kruth stressed the importance of the broader Community Outreach effort, i.e., creating neighborhood groups. Joe indicated that the creation of a community emergency database was a launching off point for a broader program.

Joe indicated that there are now 17 volunteers who have agreed to represent their respective streets that could address other community issues (cul de sacs, e.g.) and help organize social programs, for instance.

Chick indicated the need for new leadership of the broader CO effort. Joe requested that Chick cover the neighborhood reps and street reps and flesh out the broader community neighborhood program in his newsletter article.

Website Redesign Update

Two proposals were presented by Howard Elkin to complete the website redesign (see H. Elkin's report).

Proposal 1 and additional work to complete the social calendar including purchase of the software, remove the old website, and bring up the new site for a total of \$309 was unanimously approved by the Board, after a motion by Kathy Kruth that was seconded by Ben Crosby.

The website is targeted to be live by the end of February.

Abandoned Home/Deed Restrictions

This issue will be taken up by SCCC to develop a united consensus amongst various HOAs to petition the City of Punta Gorda to take a more aggressive approach to this problem.

Bob Starr Kitchen Cabinet Update

Through a technical snafu Joe wasn't able to attend January meeting. Chick will attend February meeting in Joe's place on Wednesday, February 11, 7 PM, Murdock Circle.

BSIA General Membership Meeting

The General Membership Meeting will be Monday, March 16th. Mayor Larry Friedman will be the keynote speaker. All BSIA members are welcome to attend the business portion of the meeting starting at 7: 15 PM.

Prior to this meeting, cocktails (cash bar) will be at 5:30, followed by a buffet dinner at 6. The pre-meeting dinner is \$28 including tax and gratuity (not-mandatory). Chick and Anne will work on banner for meeting. Kathy will work with Chick on new quote for banner.

Advertising

Chick noted that many advertisers are moving their advertising from the newsletters to the directory (given economic conditions). The Directory has 28 advertisers with 8 possibles to date. For the newsletter, so far there are 12 advertisers, 3 possibles, and 6 flyers. Last year there were 19 advertisers, 3 flyers.

Chick is looking into putting a membership card into the newsletter to identify members for advertiser discounts.

Code Compliance

At the code compliance hearing regarding the property at 3415 Tripoli, the property owner was fined and given ten days to comply. Violation was for "visual blight." The hurricane shutters have come down, but there is more work to be done.

The City Attorney will review the codes regarding hurricane shutters removal and see what can be done in the future.

NEW BUSINESS

April Community Picnic/Barbeque

Kathy Kruth proposed Sunday, April 26 for the Community Picnic at Gilchrist Park. It was agreed to pay the \$52.50 to reserve Gilchrist Park for the event on this date.

Goals and Objectives

Discussion on cul de sacs resulted in Joe's recommendation to Anne that she contact Elaine Gil for her experience. She took care of this for many years. Anne also noted that she was developing a database of requests. Anne will in her newsletter article request that members contact her regarding cul de sac issues. Howard suggested adding something to the website and emailing regarding this program.

Newsletter Articles

Joe noted that newsletter articles from Board Members are due to Stacey Scarrow by Friday, February 13.

Parade of Homes Sign Policy

The City gives temporary event permits for this. They will be up for the two weeks and down.

City of Punta Gorda Budget Status

Joe noted that we update the membership on the budget on an ongoing basis through reports received from the mayor and city council.

Charlotte Airport Noise Abatement

It was noted by Howard that there will be a meeting February 18, 1 PM, in Murdock as to whether there needs to be more rules on flyovers. We will announce meeting in weekly report for members.

Power Outage Issue – Florida Power and Light

This issue relates to information Joe Sabatino received from BSI resident living on Paola regarding temporary power outages, expressing concern over FPL non-responsiveness. Joe will send email to Bill Albers, who has addressed this issue in the past and follow-up from there.

Parks Master Plan Charrette

Howard sent notice regarding this event to membership with link that was provided (which unfortunately didn't work).

Manabloc Plumbing System Issue

It was noted that there is no recall; there is a 10-year warranty on the system. You need to have your CO, you then call Charlotte Plumbing and they will replace. Howard mentioned how notification of this problem has helped a number of people in the community. This can be put on the website for informational purposes.

Pet Emergency Stickers

Discussion was tabled until next month's meeting. This will include stickers for all special needs.

AD HOC ITEMS

CDs for Funds in BSIA Treasury

Ben to look at CD rates and make recommendation.

Membership Notices

Howard requested that anything to be sent to membership by board members should be sent to Howard at membership@bsia.net.

Name Tags

Anne brought up name badges. Joe is to provide Howard with information for email to members regarding the ordering of name badges.

Budget for Decorations

Anne requested budget for decorations to buy in advance of holidays. She will put together plan for approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am. The next Board meeting will be on Friday March 6, 2009.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa H. Murtha
Secretary