

OCEAN Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Our last meeting for the 2010-year was held at South Port Square and Karen Amador welcomed all the members and guests.

Karen read the Mission Statement and Pledge of Allegiance.

New members introduced themselves:

Jim Sproul, Financial Advisor from Edwards Jones in Port Charlotte

Dale and David Moore, Silver Distributors from Xocai (the healthy chocolate & energy drink).

Cindy Marino, Director of Marketing from Right at Home in Sarasota

Natalie C. Lashway, Attorney from Farr Law Firm in Punta Gorda

Minutes from last month's meeting were approved.

Marge Davis, Treasurer was unavailable but the total in the bank as read by Karen was \$4,300.27.

Melissa Vanderbilt reported on the information on the new contracts for the Senior Directory.

Karen emailed contracts previously but they will be emailed out again to all members. As a paid member you will receive 5 free lines in the directory and a sample of what you would use will also be emailed out to all members. All lines are to be sent to Melissa only. Her email is mvanderbilt@brookdaleliving.com. Her phone number is 941-391-1088. If members are not paid by December 1st, they will not be listed in the directory. Payments can only be made to Marge Davis.

Installation of officers were:

President- Karen Amador

Vice President-Dan Comier

Recording Secretary- Barbara Patton

Treasurer- Marge Davis

Social Director- Sally Wickmen

Website Manager- Bill Bambrick

Community Liason_ Sharon Weatherhead

Greeters: David Oberimier

Becky Henson

Collection of Children's Books- Wendy from Sr. Friendship spoke briefly regarding donations.

Cassandra spoke regarding collections for gifts for the seniors. Cassandra and Marge will take either money or gifts. Gifts need to be wrapped and marked male or female. They are partnered with Meals on Wheels.

Sue Vaughn spoke to the group letting them know that she has friends who will be available to the assisted living facilities to sing for free. Please contact Jane Wyhan at 941-697-5107.

The Christmas Party for OCEAN Members and any interested guests will be on December 9th at 5pm at the South Port Square Town Hall. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be available from South Port Square. Admission to attend will be either, cash, goods, a gift for toys for tots, senior gift or if you would like to donate a gift for our auction. The auction money will be put towards the new Senior Directory. The possible distribution of the Senior Directory is estimated for March.

Old Business- Area on Aging reported that Medicaid and Long Term reform is their main target. Updates will be made available later. Sharon also stated that the Diversion program is still frozen but if anyone is on the waiver program to please stay on it because once you get off and will probably not get back on.

The Memory Walk was a lot smaller than last year but they still raised \$30,100.

Kelly Carr mentioned the Wellness Fair being held on December 4th at the Suncoast Auditorium in Englewood from 8-12, which is hosted, by the Women's Group of Englewood Community Hospital and the Englewood Hospital. Englewood Hospital will be celebrating their 25th Anniversary.

The Business Card and Speaker was Jennifer Howell. Jennifer spoke on Personal Contracts between care providers and an elderly care person for services in exchange for a lump sum of money. A Medicaid manual formulates this service payment.

The January Business Card Speaker will be Jim Sproul, Financial Advisor for Edward Jones.

The 50/50 raffle winner was Sue Vaughn for \$32.00.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 26, 2010.

On behalf of all the officers, we wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving! See you at the Christmas Party.

Terry Pinsky, Recording Secretary for OCEAN