ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES 1-16-2024

A FLORIDA NOT FOR PROFIT 501(c)4 CORPORATION

1. Introductions and Attendance

Location: La Stanza Restaurant

Directors Present: Kathi Obendorfer, (President), John Majka, (V.P.), Jim Schepers, (Secretary), Joyce Colmar, (Treasurer), Leslie Brown, (Director), Les Bernstein, (Director), Terry Shortt (Director). Deb Osburn (Director), Judith Canero (Director)

Directors Absent: None.

In attendance: Dave and Robin, Elizabeth Gerber, Trudy Smith, Konnie Totten, Kathleen Callahan, Steve Gardiner, Jay Henderson, Benny & Laurie Poole, Stephanie Bouchard, Diane Davidson, Wendy Gaymer, Sydney Martin, Marie LaForge, Tony Dunbar, Jeff Dillion, Kay Tvaroch, James Tvaroch, Karen DePaulo, Cynthia Frederics, Jackie Skubik, Theresa Manuel, Geralk Pielack, Michael Strickland, Michelle Strickland, Rita Bagley, Jacqulyn Mack-Majka, Dana Kimpel, Wendy Denn, Tina Bend-Cohen, Mary Brown, Jess Orlando, Allan & Patty Nobles, Damien Ochab, Steve Wagley, Susan Stuart, Tim Maxson, John Watson, Kris Hartley, Janet Pilvalis, Joe Covelle, Chip Kava, Eric Peterson, Rita Challis, Ray Labadie, Rosalind Holley, Debbie Mount, Theresa Manuel, and Adele Logan.

Meeting called to order: President Kathi Obendorfer, recognizing a quorum, called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

Approval of Annual Minutes: Jim Schepers, (Secretary), read the minutes from the 2/13/2023 Annual Meeting. A motion to approve was made by Deb Osburn, seconded by Leslie Brown, and passed unanimously.

2. Officer Reports

President Report: Kathi Obendorfer began by thanking everyone in attendance and remarked this was the largest Annual Meeting that she could recall. She remarked that she felt this was a result of the various community events the organization had recently performed and the positive response from the community. The Halloween Safe Walk was well attended, and everyone seemed to have a great time. The Christmas Street Parade was once again a huge success and a big thank you to the community for their generosity. The OEVA website was updated with a donation button and over $8,600 was contributed. This was accomplished by Eric Peterson, and he was introduced to most everyone earlier in the evening. He has agreed to chair the I.T. Committee for 2024. The money raised allowed the organization to give 64 bikes to the Englewood youth and

cover the expenses associated with the event. She again thanked everyone for their support of this project.

She recapped the various events that OEVA sponsored throughout the year, Cruisin on Dearborn, Seafood Festival, Halloween Safe Walk and the Christmas Event and expressed confidence that we could do this again for 2024.

She expressed hope for an increase in membership this year and encouraged those in attendance to go to the website and join by volunteering and joining the organization.

She then recognized Les Bernstein for his past 6 years serving on the Board. Les had been a driving force in most of the events that took place at Pioneer Plaza before the County updated the facility, Due to the by-laws, a director cannot serve more than 2 consecutive 3-year terms and must take a year long absence. He will be missed this year.

She then turned to Leslie Brown and thanked her for the last 2 years of service. Leslie chaired many committees these last couple of years and she also was a reason for the recent success of the organization.

Vice President's report: No report.

Treasurer Report: Joyce Colmar - The Treasurer provided an annual report about the account balances of the organization. She began by talking about the budget for 2024. She estimated that total income for 2024 would be about $24,000 and based on past experience, expenses would be $19,527 with a net income of $4,464.37. The organization also has a certificate of deposit for $25,000.

Secretary Report: Jim Schepers – The Secretary reported that 3 seats are available for filling this year. They are seats 1, 2 & 3. Currently, seat # 1 is filled by Joyce Colmar; #2 by Les Bernstein, # 3 by Leslie Brown, #4 by Kathi Obendorfer, #5 by Jim Schepers, #6 vacant. Seat # 7 was filled by John Majka who was elected last year for a 3-year term last year. Seat #8 is filled by Deb Osburn and seat # 9 by Terry Shortt. Their terms expired 12/31/2026. Leslie Brown has decided not to run for reelection to seat #3. The election for this year will be under New Business.

Required Committees

Executive Committee: Chaired by Kathi Obendorfer: Reference President report.

Finance Committee: Chaired by Joyce Colmar: Reference Treasurer Report.

Governance Committee: Chaired by Jim Schepers, No report.

Membership Committee: Chaired by Deb Osburn, Deb thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Other Committees

Arts Committee: Chaired by Les Bernstein: No report

Englewood Arts District (EAD): Chaired by Leslie Brown: No report.

Events Committee: Chaired by Terry Shortt: No report.

Government Relations Committee: Chaired by Joyce Colmar: No report

IT Committee: Chaired by Eric Peterson: No report.

3. New Business:

The Election for seats Number #1,2 & 3. Beginning with Seat #1, previously held by Joyce Colmar. Jim Schepers nominated Joyce Colmar for another term which was seconded by Terry Shortt and passed unanimously.

Next was seat number 2. There were no additional qualified members who wish to serve, as the by-laws state that a person to be elected to the Board must be a paid member for 1 continuous year. The Board will look to fill seats 2 and 3 at their next board meeting immediately following this Annual Meeting. Secretary Schepers then mentioned seat #6 was available for a 1-year appointment due to a recent resignation. If someone is interested in just trying the role for one year, please let the Board know after the meeting.

4. Announcements: The Board then took questions from the audience. Somone wanted to know the background of the Directors, so each director took a few moments to state some important facts about their past experiences and why they were serving on the Board.

Jay Henderson was recognized for an announcement for the Annual Boat Show. He said the Boat show would be returning to Englewood on November 15,2024. The expect another great show.

5. Motion to Adjourn:

Made by Jim Schepers_____,

Seconded by Leslie Brown_____,

Time of adjournment was 6:30 pm.

Date: 1/16/2024