

Board of Directors Meeting for Sarasota County Civic League

Minutes for July 14, 2009

SCOPE Conference Room, Sarasota, Fl.

President William "Bill" Russell called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

- I. Also present were: Suzanne Gregory, Rebecca Proctor, Dana Keane, Margaret Sisek, Pam Schuneman, Susan Scott, and Elizabeth Boyle.
- II. Approval of Minutes for July 16, 2009 by Elizabeth Boyle, Seconded by Pam Schuneman. Passed by unanimous vote, correction of today's meeting date to July 14, 2009.
- III. Treasurer Pam Schuneman reported net income of \$1,281.48 and that the Civic League made money on the Annual Dinner.
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Feedback on lunch meeting on July 8, 2009 (Don Grimes-national and area Economic Forecast, looking at Wisconsin experience and how to deal proactively by bringing in highly educated workers and high tech companies). Positive.
 - b. Campaign School, committee; USF Partnership. After discussion as to the need or value of sponsoring some sort of campaign school this winter, Susan Scott agreed to follow up with USF on a possible joint effort. Committee was formed. Suzanne Gregory, Chair Margaret Sisek, Susan Scott (whose research indicates 25 positions open in 2010 election cycle for Sarasota area) will contact David Clement of IPPC/ USF regarding putting on a joint Campaign School program for 2010.
- V. New Business
 - a. August 12 Luncheon at the Hyatt Boathouse (Price: \$20 per person): Panel on Federal Stimulus Efforts, economic forecast for the United States, local economic development efforts.
 - b. Sept. 16, 2009 monthly meeting will have a Foreclosure Panel, proposed to include Chief Judge Lee Haworth and Gulfcoast Legal Services Managing Attorney Elizabeth M. Boyle and Greg Reynolds, a local realtor who was hired by the County to acquire foreclosed properties.
 - c. Possible future topics for monthly meeting: bringing Rapid Transit to Tampa Bay Area, the new development plan for Sarasota County, Campaign Ethics, local economic development efforts, Aging-Institute of Aging SCOPE, juvenile justice.
 - d. Discussion of search committee to find a new luncheon place for the monthly meetings because of University Club closure, Kim Noyes and Pam Schuneman, possibly.
 - e. Membership Drive. The Board decided to extend the member price to guests through the summer.
- VI. Next Board Meeting is August 11, 2009.
- VII. Meeting Adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Minutes Submitted by Elizabeth Boyle.