

## **Sarasota County Civic League**

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2009

Present were: Suzanne Gregory, Dana Keane, Richard Martin, Rebecca Proctor, Alan Roddy, Pam Schuneman

### **Opening:**

The regular meeting of the Sarasota County Civic League was called to order at 4:30pm on May 19th in SCOPE Conference Room by first Vice President, Rebecca Proctor.

### **A. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's report was read by Pam Schuneman. At the end of fiscal year, our net income was \$1324.48. The report was accepted by the board as distributed.

### **B. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the April meeting were unanimously approved on a motion from Richard Martin and seconded by Pam Schuneman.

### **C. Open Issues**

The Annual Meeting was considered a success. CFO Alex Sink was a good speaker and she brought in a crowd of about 100 guests. The content may have been a little lacking regarding issues about the State, but all in all a good program.

The Board had previously agreed to make a donation to a charity of CFO Sink's choosing as a way of thanking her for her presentation. The United Way of Sarasota County was selected by CFO Sink. The Board unanimously approved a gift of \$250 to the United Way of Sarasota County on a motion from Alan Roddy, seconded by Richard Martin. Suzanne Gregory will work with Bill Russell to draft the letter.

The board discussed running the Campaign School in January 2010. This might be an off-year because there are few local elections coming up. Maybe we should consider putting together a shorter program. The Institute for Public Policy and Leadership (IPPL) at USF had expressed interest in partnering with us on future campaign school planning. We could form a committee with USF and explore these possibilities.

### **D. New Business**

The June 10<sup>th</sup> luncheon speaker is Virginia Haley of the Sarasota Convention and Visitors Bureau and Suzanne will re-confirm.

Pam Schuneman & Richard Martin agreed to man the registration table for June meeting.

Discussion of ideas for future speakers:

- Tim Dutton, the aging initiative and the Institute for the Ages
- Don Grimes, professor of economics at University of Michigan, on County data and comparisons with other communities
- Kathy Baylis (EDC) and perhaps Steve Queior (Chamber) regarding the new economic development plan
- ITN Sarasota – a new model of transportation service for older adults who no longer drive. This is a fee-based service and has some unique characteristics in its funding model.
- Dru Greene of JJD – what would the angle be? Wayne Applebee could speak about the future of the criminal justice system

It was agreed to contact Don Grimes about speaking at the July breakfast meeting. Suzanne will do this and contact Kim about how many can be seated at Dutch Heritage.

**E. Agenda for Next Meeting**

Speakers for future programs

**Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm by Rebecca Proctor. The next Board meeting will be at 4:30 on June 16, 2009 in SCOPE conference room.

Minutes submitted by:

Suzanne Gregory