

Sarasota County Civic League Minutes
Tuesday, November 17, 2009

In attendance: William Russell, Elizabeth Boyle, David Shapiro, Pam Schuneman, Alan Roddy, Suzanne Gregory, Susan Scott

Absent: Joel Van Critters, Richard Ulrich, Margaret Sisek, Dana Keane, Rebecca Proctor

President Bill Russell determined a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm.

The minutes of October 20, 2009 were presented for review. Two errors regarding Board attendance were noted and will be corrected to show that Pam Schuneman was present and Suzanne Gregory was not present at the October 20, 2009 meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes as written with above amendment was made by Alan Roddy and seconded by David Shapiro. The minutes were approved as amended by unanimous vote.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Pam Schuneman. The balance sheet shows the League to have \$10,596.87 in the account. A motion was made by Suzanne Gregory to approve the Treasurer's Report which was seconded by Pam Shuneman. The Treasurer's Report was approved by unanimous vote.

Meeting News

The Board discussed possible programs for February's 2010 program. Board determined that the public needs to know about the proposal to Extend the One Mil Tax to Support Schools. Board discussed how best to frame program to educate on the issues. Bill Russell will call Jeremy Wallace for ideas on who would be useful for this program. Discussed having someone from the advocacy group and School Board person to balance the views and approach to issue.

New restaurant venue discussed, Restaurant is near new Whole Foods in Sarasota Downtown. Resturant Crepe Suzette at 23 Lemon Avenue North, Sarasota, FL 34236. Discussed as venue for all programs, lunch and breakfast. Do not have to sign long term agreement. Marina Jack's or Michael's on East would be good alternatives if we have a larger, candidate forum and need more than 50 seats.

Have committed to December 9, 2009 lunch program at Restaurant Crepe Suzette.

January 13 2009 is date for next breakfast program at Dutch Heritage.

Motion made to change the program venue to Restaurant Crepe Suzette by Elizabeth Boyle. Seconded by Alan Roddy. Bill Russell placed the issue for a vote. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Discussion of Filling Three Board Vacancies: Richard Martin, Pandora Seibert and Sam Rosenfeld have resigned because of other commitments.

Board discussed getting updated roster of membership to get some names and caucus by email and at next meeting. To be discussed at next meeting.

Discussed November 2009 program and it was well received.

Discussed Candidate School which will be on Friday, January 29, 2009 8:30 am-3:30 pm at Selby Auditorium, USF Manatee-Sarasota Campus at 8350 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34243. Susan Scott discussed the lay out of the program, topics will include "How to get news coverage?", "How to prepare for editorial boards?", Stan Zimmerman on voters records database and what you can do with it, How to buy media, then roundtable with newspaper and TV reporters, discuss Facebook and new Internet social media websites. USF will take care of catering.

Motion to authorize up to \$250.00 of expenditure for Candidate College made by Alan Roddy and seconded by Suzanne Gregory. Bill Russell placed the issue for a vote. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Adjournment: There being no further business, President Bill Russell adjourned the meeting at 5:32 pm.