

**Sky Lake - Highland Lakes Area Homeowners Association**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**February 27, 2019**  
**Highland Oaks Park Recreation Building**

President Steven Parkins called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Board members in attendance were: Mort Braverman, Freyda Hyman, Jacky Needelman, David Promoff, Stephanie Ruiz, Brenda Auerbach, Pablo Barreiro, Erica Chao, Howard Fine, Marc Frankel, Madeline Langbaum, Cathy Pieters, Rick Schermer, Jacci Seskin, Ahuva Stadtlander, Jeevan Tillit, Bob Weisblum, and Roz Weisblum. Steve thanked everyone for attending. He officially swore in Jacky as she had missed the ceremony at the General Membership Meeting. Steve distributed and explained the Committee Structure for this coming year.

Minutes: A motion was made by Brenda, seconded by Mort, to accept the minutes of the January 9, 2019 meeting. The motion was passed.

Finance: David reported that we have \$23,501.63 in the new bank account. This does not include the expenses for the Food Truck Night.

Membership/Outreach: Freyda shared that as of today we have 89 paid for 2019 with 143 of the 2018 paid members yet to renew. She shared the plans that the committee discussed to reach the goal of a 10% increase in membership and renewals. The goal is to finish the year at 246 or more. Statistics will be checked to see how successful the welcome letters/first year free has been. A printed promotional piece with accomplishments and benefits will be developed. All Board members will be asked to speak with people on their block in order to reach more neighborhoods. A discussion and vote was taken on the membership cards and discount program and the decision was to table them. Written plan distributed.

Communications: Erica is trying to get familiar with our website. She requested updated photos from Board members. There was a discussion on the pros and cons of having Board member emails on the site.

Security & CERT: Rick is exploring establishing a Neighborhood Crime Watch. The Security Expo will not be held with the Food Truck Night but will be a stand alone event. There was a discussion of the hole in the private wall on County Line Road. Who is responsible for fixing it? The guards, by contract, are supposed to be outside of the guard house when they check incoming cars. The committee is trying to get a new police department to handle the roving patrol in Oak Forest. CERT now has 6 people certified to assess needs after a natural disaster. Written plan distributed.

Infrastructure/Traffic/Code: Steve gave Bill Clayton's report. The committee will be monitoring the progress of the speed bumps and overpass. State Senator Jason Pizzo has shared that there is money available to help residents switch from septic to County waste water. The synagogue on NE 24 Ave. is still operating. The daycare center on NE 26 Ave. has been given a cease and desist order. Written plan distributed.

Parks & Beautification: Marc F would like to revisit the possibility of a dog park. He would also like to see our waterways more usable and passable. The committee will explore identifying and assisting residents with special needs to improve the appearance of their property. Written plan distributed.

Government Relations: Bob will continue to develop and maintain a relationship with County officials. He is following North Miami Beach's plans to annex the Skylake Mall. A commercial only property can be annexed without a vote. The annexation would take tax revenues from the County. He plans to establish relationships with the condo residents. He suggested that the name of our HOA be changed to something more inclusive of the whole area, like NE Miami Dade HOA. Written plan distributed.

Community Events & Schools: Cathy gave details on the March 10th Food Truck Night. Board members should put signs out on Monday, March 4 so that we get as much exposure as possible. Several other means will be used to attract attendees. There was no time to produce a banner, but maybe for the next event. Freyda will try to get the Humane Society to have a presence with some adoptable dogs. Brenda offered to pay their sponsorship fee. The committee is working on securing a site for the Security Expo. The toy drive will be held again this December. Written plan distributed.

Upcoming Meetings: Food Truck = March 10, Oct 27; Board = March 13, Apr 24, May 15, June 12, Sept 4, Oct 16, Nov 13; GMM = June 19, Sept 18

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Submitted by Freyda Hyman.