

GENERAL MEETING OF THE LPGRA

DATE: May 6, 2021

LOCATION: LAS PALMAS GRAND (LPG) BALLROOM

TIME: 9:30 AM

1st Vice President, Peggy Marcone called the meeting to order welcoming all residents live streaming and in attendance and requested that everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

This meeting was live-streamed to the LPG Community with 65 residents viewing and 16 in attendance at the ballroom.

MINUTES:

April 1, 2021 minutes - A motion was made to accept the minutes as distributed, seconded and adopted by all present.

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD OFFICERS:

Peggy Marcone introduced each board member and stated their position.

President Margaret Jacoby VACATION

1st VP Peg Marcone

2nd VP Sue Smith

Secretary Pam Williams

Treasurer Walt Smiles ABSENT/RETURN TO SUMMER HOME

TREASURE'S REPORT: Peggy Marcone reported the balance as of April 1, 2021, \$473.27. a payment of \$10.00 for door prizes. 50/50 collected \$17.00, donations of \$80.00. Peggy stated the Board truly appreciates all the donations that have been received, as this is the only income at this time. The current balance is \$724.27. May 6th a total of \$8.00 was collected from the 50/50 raffle.

A motion was made to accept the report, seconded and adopted by all present.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:

Sally York the volunteer coordinator of LPG reported it has been 3 months with a slow start. The board and committee have added an LPGRA Neighborhood Watch page to the website. The website page includes minutes and resources from the Mesa Police Department (PD). The page will be updated monthly. Sally is working very closely with, Las Palmas (LP) coordinators George Griffin and Ellen Tryon. The three representatives are working very closely to implement the same programs for both communities. Sally thanked all the volunteers who have stepped up to be street leaders. Sally still needs a few more volunteers, if you are interested, please contact her at LPGNWP2@gmail.com.

George Griffin from LP, gave some helpful hints that will make the program very successful. BE A NOSEY NEIGHBOR. Get to know neighbors and watch their homes when they are away. Lock up your bicycle or put in sheds. Have dusk to dawn lights installed. Dark streets are easy targets, most problems are coming from persons coming over the walls not driving through the gates.

George mentioned LP has an annual block party, which is well attended by residents, city leaders, police and fire departments. If Sally is able to get this going at LPG make sure to support it; it is well worth the time.

Sally York Neighborhood Watch training. Dawn Blake, from Mesa PD will be training the block leaders from LPG and LP on June 10, 2021, here at LPG and by video. The information will be posted to the website page. Anyone who is interested may come. This is very important especially with the summer months upon us. Many of the winter residents have been returned home, everyone must watch out for these vacant homes.

Sally also updated the residents concerning ongoing problems that are happening around the area. The information was from Dawn Blake, Mesa PD. Car hopper activity, they scope out unlocked cars and take anything worthwhile to steal. Don't leave anything of value in your cars. PLEASE LOCK your cars at all times. Catalytic converters from vehicles are being stolen; the parts contain precious metals that are being sold. If you see anyone carrying grinders or saws near vehicles or hear any grinding or sawing immediately call 911.

NEWSLETTER: Peggy gave the following updates: Shirley Anne Crane will be emailing and posting to the website the second quarterly community newsletter around May 15th. Shirley Anne has notified the Board she is stepping down as editor, but her replacement will be Dee Dees. This newsletter is different than the *Lifestyle* newspaper which is put out by Thesman. If you have anything to include in the *LPGObserver* please send articles to lpgraboard@gmail.com. If you would like to be added to the mailing list, please email your information to lpgraboard@gmail.com. You must request to be added, your information cannot be taken from the resident book.

Hopefully the *LPGObserver* newsletter at some point will be printed, for the residents who do not have email or access to the website.

The deadline for submitting ideas is August 1st for the August 15th newsletter, it will be posted on the website and e-mailed to the LPGRA Email list.

RECYCLING: Sue Smith stated we now have a clean and rinsed aluminum cans only program up and running. Alan Smith has volunteered to be the coordinator. Alan has placed four blue barrels with instructions in the green waste area. Alan is picking up the cans getting a bag every couple of days. There has been great response, and Alan is extremely pleased. He has only found two metal type. Collection is ONLY ALUMINUM CANS. He will be taking the cans to the recyclers periodically for the cash, which will help build up the LPGRA checking account. After the Board has built up the LPGRA checking account balance, the funds will be donated to a non-profit organization. Possibly the Homeless Veterans or Sunshine Acres.

Peggy mentioned Alan needs 1-2 volunteers to take over for him when he is gone. Please give Alan Smith a call at (515) 943-1415 or email him at alan.smith2019@gmail.com or any Board member to let them know if you are able to help. The information is also posted on the website.

Peggy also mentioned the recycling program is on a trial period with Thesman management. If the program continues to work according to the plans laid out to management, Alan hopes to move into also collecting plastic bottles at some point.

OPEN ITEMS LIST: Update from Peggy the Board will be meeting on May 13th with Thesman Management.

Please fill out any concerns, complaints or complements form and return to the Board by then. Complaints need to be in writing, verbally doesn't work. Send to the Board.

LEASES 2021: Update from Peggy management still has not received the new leases from corporate.

Michael Thesman is reviewing as they have not been updated since 2009. There have been several concerns since residents are now on a month-to-month lease that management will be raising the rent. Michael Thesman has assured that the rent will not be raised since it is still at corporate.

RECYCLING: Thesman Management has given Alan Smith a trial period for the recycling. See above Old Business.

CAR STICKERS: The guard shack has the new WHITE LPG stickers that they will gladly replace for any resident that still has the old clear sticker. Thanks.

DOGS/DOG PARK: The watering schedule was already changed when this concern was brought up. The schedule will be changed periodically due to the change in the hotter summer months. The management was on top of this issue. Thanks.

Ongoing issues of dogs not being on leashes. If your dog is out of your house, it must be on a LEASH AT ALL TIMES, except in the dog park enclosed area.

Ongoing issues of dogs in the mail room and around clubhouse areas. Dogs are NOT ALLOWED in these areas.

There are ongoing issues with dogs using resident's homes and grass areas to potty. This is NOT ALLOWED. Please PICK UP after your pet when out walking or in the pet area.

All animals must be registered with the office.

Service animals need to be certified and wear vests and must be registered with the office that they are working dogs, not a social pet.

Support animals are different and must be certified and registered with the office.

COFFEE BAR: It was brought up that residents would like to have the coffee bar back. It is now open and available in the clubhouse. Thanks.

SECOND EMAIL ADDRESS: It was asked if a second email may be added to a household. Thesman Management said "come to the office to request the added email address." This is only for emails from the office and activities.

LPG BLOOD DRIVE: Peggy stated it was very successful and there was only one cancellation. Vitalant was extremely thankful for all the support. Vitalant hopes LPG will schedule another later in the year. Peggy will work with Nancy in Activities to get one scheduled if possible.

NEW BUSINESS:

DONATIONS LIONS CLUB GLASSES AND HEARING AID DRIVE: Peggy stated the Board will continue to collect any used glasses and hearing aids for donations to the Lions Club who will refurbish and distribute to people in need. You may contact any board member if you have a donation or bring them to the next general meeting. This will continue to be an ongoing event. The email address is lpgraboard@gmail.com.

LPGRA WEBSITE: The website address is lpgra.org.

SUGGESTIONS:

George Griffin LP Neighborhood Watch suggested that maybe the Board presidents from the Thesman communities have more contact with each other as "LP was unaware about the mail room break ins." George felt this kind of information is valuable and should be shared. Peggy said "the Board will discuss this at our Board meeting."

Cards & Prayers for resident Kim Husebye who was in a terrible motorcycle accident on April 12th. If you would like to send cards and encouragement to him, the address is KPC Promise Hospital Phoenix, 433 6th St., Mesa, AZ 85203. He will be in this rehabilitation facility for approximately one year.

Bicycles are being ridden in the mail room and people on bicycles are not stopping at the stop signs. Very dangerous situation, a former resident was killed in the park because someone did not stop at a sign. All bicycles need to STOP at the stop signs. You are moving and are required to follow the same rules of the road as a car.

QUESTIONS: Does Thesman Management share the names of who is making the complaint, with the resident when a complaint has been made against them? Why can't the guards do something about the bicyclist who run the stop sign? Peggy informed the resident that those are questions for management and that she was unable to answer for them today. This will be discussed in our Board meeting with management.

INFORMATION: Sally York stated the official title of the guards is "Courtesy Patrol".

RESIDENT QUESTIONS/COMMENTS: If any resident has a concern, complaint or complement please use the forms posted on the LPGRABoard website.

Peg Marcone thanked Sally York LPG Neighborhood Watch volunteer coordinator and our guest George Griffin from LP for all the important information and news of upcoming events.

NEXT MEETING: The next Resident Association Meeting will be held June 3, 2021, at 9:30 AM, to be lived streamed and with residents in attendance at the ballroom. Peggy hopes to see more residents in attendance next month as the ballroom is now open to 50.

The drawing for the 50/50 was held for \$ 8.00 being awarded to Peg Johnson. The drawing for two door prizes was held.

A big thank you to Larry Smith for the amazing work he did by himself for the live streaming and audio today.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Since there were no further business/questions a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted:

Pam Williams, Secretary