GULF GATE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
GENERAL COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES
January 28th, 2019
St. Andrew United Church of Christ, Sarasota, FL 34231

Meeting Called to Order: 7:08 PM

Attendees: Melanie Goddard (P), John Van Vleet (VP), Aaron Cox (S), Ben Sinkunas (T), Sue Stover (D), Frank Gomez (D), Ann Matthews (D), Kathy Butler (D), Carol Connolly (D).

Welcome and Pledge: Meeting was opened, and pledge was led by President, Melanie Goddard

Officer's Reports:

Approval of November General Meeting Minutes: Distributed Minutes were reviewed, motion made and approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Distributed Treasurer's report was presented by Melanie Goddard, motion made and approved unanimously.

Our beginning cash balance as of December:

Beginning balance 12/1/18:	$23,942.86
Income:	$ 200.00
Expenses:	$ (2,376.75)
Ending Cash Balance 12/31/18:	$21,766.75
Total Available Funds of:	$28,298.22 (Added with funds in CD and PayPal)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Neighborhood Grant Info: Cass Smith announced completion of repainting of the entrance walls on Gulf Gate Drive, as well as the Gulf Gate Woods signs. The lettering on the GGW signs are attached, and cannot be removed, so those will be repainted on site. Next steps are the electrical and lettering replacement for the wall, followed by landscaping thereof. As of this meeting, the 280 volunteer hours required for the grant have been completed. Goddard announced that the sign at Gulf Gate and Antigua will be completely replaced as part of this project.

Gulf Gate Community Association tee shirts were available to order at the meeting, requiring a $15 donation, and will be on sale until February 4, 2019 on the GGCA website.

General Meeting Location Changes: John Van Vleet (VP) announced change of meeting venue for the remaining three general meetings. These meetings will be held March 25, September 16, and November 18 at the Faith Lutheran Church, 7750 S Beneva, which is on the right side of Beneva as you drive south towards Rt. 41.

Disaster Preparedness and Community Safety Update: Carol Connolly (D) announced that 11 additional slots were filled for security patrol after December's training event. 37 additional days need to be filled. Deputy Karen Hicks will provide another training on February 27, 6p-7p, at the Gulf Gate Library.

Traffic & Safety Committee: Goddard (P) made a presentation of a Resolution requesting installation of stop signs at designated locations, as well as speed limit signage at or near the location of the stop signs, as drafted by the Traffic Safety Committee. Dues-paying members of the Gulf Gate Community Association were able to vote. Resolution accepted and passed via unanimous vote of those present dues-paying members.

Website/Payment Updates: The website payment options have been updated. PayPal has been removed as an option and Stripe (a highly secure credit card payment processor) has been added. The rationale for changes was due to apparent confusion for those wanting to pay with credit cards, but without having a PayPal account: occasionally, payments were not processing, requiring manual follow-up. Per Goddard – PayPal to continue to be evaluated as a payment method.

Social Events: Goddard announced the second annual “Love thy Neighbor-hood” Event, to be held February 23, 6:30-9, at St. Andrew United Church of Christ.

Siesta Promenade: Goddard presented the update on Siesta Promenade. This proposed development was approved by the county commissioners over the objections of the adjacent communities, including GGCA. A Pine Shores Neighborhood representative, Sura Kochman, with support of her community, is currently in litigation with the county for failure to adhere to the comprehensive plan.

Next General Meeting: Monday, March 25, 2019 at Faith Lutheran Church, 7750 S. Beneva Road, 7:00 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Aaron Cox, Secretary
February 25, 2019