Minutes of the April 14, 2022
Neighborhood Captains' Forum

The Forum was called to order at 2:30 PM in the RSF2 Classroom by Janet Nolan, EC Chair. Solivita Board of Directors President, Brenda Taylor, and Captains from 19 neighborhoods attended with Chuck Borreson sitting in for Flora Vista South. We welcomed new Captains Kristie McConnell of Victoria East and Barbara Duncan of Bella Vista.
The minutes of the March 10, 2022 Captains Forum were accepted by voice vote.

1. **Roll Call:** Neighborhood Captain introduced themselves and described recent activities including: Meet & Greet, Pool Parties, informative meetings about the CFX Southport Connector, cul-de-sac gatherings, coffee evening, street concerts, Chili Cook-off, Senior Olympics, Street Leaders meetings, Pot Luck, Game Day, driveway telephone game, Flamingo Mingle, coffee & donuts, hot dogs at Freedom Park, corn hole, pickle ball, progressive dinner, card games, ice cream social, cheese & wine, block party, pizza party, sing-a-long movie, newlywed game, food rally, giving back to Flora Lawn, bingo, annual holiday lights tour, Front yard Fridays, Front yard Tuesdays, Christmas in July, murder mystery, Flamingo Bingo, monthly Guys Lunch, breakfast, rodeo, Lake Ridge Winery, neighborhood dinners at Ovation and Colombia restaurants, Sun Rail trip to Sanford.

   Captains were reminded that the program does not permit us to hire buses for events outside Solivita. We do not advertise neighborhood events on Next Door, which is read by people not in the neighborhood. In the past, this resulted in numbers too large for a neighborhood location to safely accommodate. Questions can be addressed to the Executive Committee.

2. **Management Reports** are postponed until next month.

3. **Summary of Neighborhood Captains Executive Committee** (NCEC) Reports were sent in advance by email handout.
   - **Directories:** Corrections sent in by Captains will be processed with the monthly closings. Captains are reminded to please only contact information with no messages or comments added in the Additions and Corrections email to Janetnolan3@gmail.com.
   - **Open captain positions**: Bella Vista, Candlewood North, Venezia North, Rainbow Lakes East, and Valencia South.
   - **Training/Orientation:**
     - Two Captains attended a workshop on Newsletters. Another workshop will be held in April
     - The Captains workshop for the Neighborhood websites has been put on hold because the SolivitaHOA.com website is being redone.
   - **Email communication**
     - Please remove Janetnolan3 Gmail from your general announcements of events.
     - **Never** hit **REPLY ALL** to Neighborhood announcements if only the original sender needs to read your message. It's very frustrating and such a waste of time having to click through useless back and forth email chatter when the reply doesn't apply to all.
     - Always use the program Gmail account for program activities.

- Never delete your sent or trash mail---this is so if ever needed the program can assist in an emergency as to what activities are going on. (This happens more than you think!)
- Do not change the format of the directories or the contacts.
- Never import information to the contacts.
- Do not add addresses or phone number to contacts.

- **Reflection reminder** Reflections articles, limited to 100 words, must be submitted one month prior to its publication.
  June article due April 27 Michael Bogucki—Bella Viana

4. Solivita Board of Directors President, Brenda Taylor, was welcomed as Liaison to the EC. She discussed:
   - The Holiday decoration contract for the neighborhood monuments was $24,000 last year. She discussed the possibility of the neighborhoods decorating the monuments which will save the HOA much needed funds. The HOA will store monument decorations but resident volunteers will put them up and take them down and could donate holiday decorations.
   - Village Drive belongs to the HOA: The HOA can use the street for a community-wide neighborhoods event with fund-raising tables or games.
   - Suggested each winner of a neighborhood Chili Cook-off could compete in one big "Solivita" chili cookoff, and we could see if The Grille would add the grand prize winner's chili to its menu for a week or two.
   - Please remind residents with extended golf carts to NOT PARK in spaces on Village drive. Golf carts are not to extend into Village Drive.
   - Will be asking NCP to email forms needed for the Director election to residents. One is to authorize email to receive HOA notices and another to sign up for electronic voting. This will save HOA money for mailing the information. The January 2022 election cost the HOA approximately $10,000, a large part was for mailings.

5. Janet Nolan discussed:
   - Possible changes to the Halloween Decorations guidelines.
   - A Guideline for Block and Street Parties/Performers, which align our procedures with the HOA standards.
   - A new Guideline for Common area use: The two Gazebos in Rainbow Lakes and the and Fireplace area in Lago Vista are HOA common property. There is concern that they are adjacent to private homes, which are impacted by events in these locations. A new guideline recognizes that these venues exist inside and are part of neighborhoods. It limits total use by outside groups to 1 evening event each month and 3 daytime events not to exceed one event per week at each location.

Larry Librach volunteered to obtain a list of contacts for outside venues.

The Forum was adjourned at 4:17 PM. The next forum will be held on May 12, 2022 at 2 PM in the RSF2 meeting room.

Submitted by
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