Minutes of the Neighborhood Captain Forum – February 8, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 pm by Janet Nolan, Chair of the Neighborhood Captains Executive Committee. Nineteen (19) Neighborhood Captains and/or Assistants to the Captains were in attendance. Each captain went around and introduced themselves.

1. A motion to accept January 11, 2024, NCP minutes was made by Melissa Anderson and seconded by Richard Ryan. All in attendance agreed, and the minutes were accepted.
2. Reflections reminder
    a. April 2024 Reflections deadline is February 27, 2024.
    b. Neighborhoods that signed up for this month include Portofino East, Capri, and Valencia South
    c. Scott Svihula noted that there are currently openings for submissions in June, July, August, September, and October. Please email captainprogram.solivita@gmail.com if you are interested in these months. There is one spot for each month.
    d. IMPORTANT: Effective immediately, all submissions must be sent to captainprogram.solivita@gmail.com ONLY. We are no longer to submit directly to Reflections. Scott Svihula and the EC will submit three (3) articles per month on behalf of the NCP.
3. Announcements – presented by Janet Nolan
    a. Bar charges for events in 2024 are being contracted for $150.00. The money that used to go to the bartenders (in 2023, it was $100) is no longer going to the bartenders. They are only getting cash tips plus their hourly rate. You must pay your bartender fee to Barbara at least seven (7) days prior to the event at the banquet office next to the ATM. You can reach Barbara via text or cell at 863.968.4713. She tends to be in the office on Sundays.
    b. Bingo is getting closer. Janet Nolan, Richard Ryan, Melissa Anderson, and Helen Koonz are working on the program. The main SOP is complete. The prototype of the forms is nearing completion. The bookkeeping SOP is in the works. The group will meet with the Polk County Sheriff to go over their list of questions to finalize, including approval to have 5 Supervisors. Each game must have a Supervisor in attendance. More details to follow once the program is finalized. No scratch-off bingo will be allowed in this program. NCP is not a 501-anything as we are part of the HOA due to the 8th Amendment, which will be included in the HOA tax filing. Playing any sort of Bingo-style game is on hold even if hiring a third-party company to host. Refer to 849.0931
        i. http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=&URL=0800-0899/0849/Sections/0849.0931.html
    c. Bunco is not a penny-ante game. You can only have if you do NOT charge to play and do NOT award cash or prizes.
    d. The Annual Meeting is 02.20.2024 at 10 am in the Ballroom to finalize the election of the new board. Please attend.
    e. Freedom Park and the white tents are Solivita fundraising locations for clubs and other large groups. Fundraising for the neighborhoods must only be raised by those residents in the neighborhood and not residents outside that neighborhood. If a

neighborhood wants to rent Freedom Park and/or white tents, they need Executive Committee approval. This does NOT apply to the pavilions.

f. The Renters list in its current state is unusable, so we will not add renters to our email system.
g. Sandwich Boards: Each Captain will let Richard Ryan know which style you have, if you need it replaced, if you need an additional one, and if you need more letters.

4. Open Agenda
    a. On 02.16.2024, a special HOA meeting will be held to decide on the new lawncare company.
    b. Terra Vista North has raised enough funds for an AED, but we need to know the updated final cost to proceed.
    c. Varese: Rudy Bautista (Evergreen) told the Captain they need NCP approval for a trash can at the mailbox. The group advised that this may not be wise as residents dump food and attract wildlife. Captain is also having an issue getting the electricity reconnected to the monuments. Their requests to Evergreen have not been acted upon as of this meeting.
    d. Valencia South: Does the Club have insurance coverage for the events we have on their property? Janet will reach out to find out. There is a midge issue in this neighborhood. They are part of CDD West. Going to the next meeting and emailing tadams@gmscfl.com with the issues was recommended.
    e. Valencia North: Asked what events have worked in other neighborhoods. Several ideas were brought up including: pot-luck meals, ice cream socials, chili cook-offs, pool parties, scavenger hunts, murder mystery parties, etc.
    f. Alta Vista: Stated that at this time of year, the NCP reviews what projects we will support. Janet mentioned that we will continue to support Flags Over Solivita, Resident 2 Resident, Monster Food Drive, and Toys for Tots. Janet wants us to support areas that keep the money and efforts inside Solivita. We have an aging population that needs help and support. We have residents who are on Meals on Wheels. We have single residents who can use help and support. It was decided that the Captains would email their ideas to captainprogram.solivita@gmail.com their thoughts, and she will compile them for review in the March 14th meeting.
    g. Rosalie Sones, Captain of Volare and one of the original Captains is retiring this month. The entire NCP thanked her for her work and support over the years.
    h. Kristi McConnell, Captain of Vittoria East, is stepping down this month due to health issues. The NCP wishes her well and thanks her for her tireless efforts.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 3:58 pm by Rosalie Sones and seconded by Kristi McConnell.