

ADOPTED

MARION OAKS MSTU ADVISORY BOARD FOR RECREATION SERVICES AND FACILITIES

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

9:30 AM

ROLL CALL:

Board Members

Kathleen Martin - Chairperson

Alice Mitchell

Carole LaMotte

Bobby Whipple

Joanne Coast

Marion County Marion Oaks MSTU Representatives

MSTU/Assessments Interim Director, Matthew Leibfried

Marion Oaks Community Center Manager: David Pierce

Marion Oaks Recreation Specialist: Kari Coates

Staff Assistant III: Marlene Perez Maldonado

General Public: See Sign In-Sheet

Chairperson Kathleen Martin called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM.

Chairperson Kathleen Martin requested everyone rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

VOTE ON ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Chairperson Kathleen Martin presented the January 10, 2023 draft of minutes for adoption. A motion was made by Joanne Coast and seconded by Bobby Whipple to accept the minutes. Approved by all.

RECREATION SPECIALIST REPORT – Kari Coates

- **Memberships:** Continue to grow
- **Events:** Valentine's Day Luncheon and Easter Luncheon, and Mother's Day Luncheon will be coming up.
- **Van Trips:** Continue to sell out
- **Quit Tobacco classes:** These classes continue
- **Dementia Caregiver Class:** Offered by Elder Options and the Florida Health Dept. and was well received.
- **Theme Days:** Have gone over well
- **Annual Spring Yard Sale:** As always – did well
- **Spring Break Camp:** Sold out and received positive reviews from the parents
- **Master Gardeners:** Continues to provide their free plant clinic the first Thursday of each month
- **Food Truck Fridays:** 3-4 food trucks will be participating every week
- **VIP:** Continues to provide us sponsorship for activities and programs. Because of the sponsors that we've had we have been able to save money. VIP sponsored 3 big ticket items – The pageant, the music, and the train ride.
- **Marion Oaks Anniversary Celebration:** Was well-attended, there were approximately 2 – 3,000 people in attendance. During the event the pageant took place, there was entertainment with music, toys, egg hunts, goody bags, games, along with 60 vendors and food trucks, bounce house, and the Civic Association had their history room and dunk tank.
- **April, May and June:** We will continue with our regularly scheduled programming, activities and van trips. We will be teaming up with VIP, State Farm, and Central Florida Bounce and the Central Florida Girl Scouts; as we will be offering dances, dinners, and future fun activities for the Summer.

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COMMUNITY CENTER MANAGER REPORT – David Pierce

David Pierce acknowledged Kari Coates for all her hard work on the Marion Oaks Anniversary Celebration and commended all the staff for doing an excellent job. It was a great community event and he was proud to be a part of it.

STAFFING UPDATES: We are 100% staffed and have been very fortunate to be able to keep good people on board. The County has recognized three of our staff for hitting a benchmark in their years of service. Recreation Leader Sugrim Ramsawh – 5 years, will be receiving a pin and a certificate. Recreation Leader Victor Adams – also 5 years, and Recreation Specialist Kari Coates who has a 10 year pin and certificate. David Pierce presented both to Kari at the board meeting.

MAINTENANCE: The splash pad was scheduled to be opened yesterday; however, when a trial startup was done last week one of the “O” rings failed on the main pump. This is not something that can be repaired on site. The contractor who makes the repairs is based out of Tampa and should be out here by week’s end. Discussion ensued. The new treadmill was delivered last Wednesday and has already been set up in the gym.

Backflow device inspection – The community center has two backflow devices and it prevents polluted water from getting back into the public water supply and every year we have an inspection. This year two of our seven backflow devices failed and had to be replaced. One was replaced yesterday and the other one is scheduled to be replaced next week. The cost was a little over \$2,000.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET: Our budget numbers that were discussed at our pre-budget workshop were submitted to the Finance Department and no red flags have come up. Our budget is in pretty solid shape going into next year.

INCIDENTS: We have had some small vandalism – there were minor repairs that needed done, nothing too serious. We have also had an up-tick in homeless people sleeping at the park overnight. If they harass the walkers outside then we do ask them to leave. There was one homeless person that tried to get into the annex building, pulling on all the doors and there was someone sleeping underneath the pavilion that kept asking passersby for a date. Neither one of them gave us a problem when asked to leave.

Room Rentals: Year to date as of yesterday, Trish has generated from these buildings - not including the Sheriff and the Library lease, \$48,958 in room rental leasing. We are projected to do about \$120,000.

As of Monday, Marlene reported that we have 1,766 members currently signed up at the recreation center which amounts to approximately \$60,000 in revenue.

Pickleball: Our pickleball continues to grow. We have over 60 active members right now and offer play time on Tuesdays and Fridays at 10 am, Sundays at 8am and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. At any given night we usually have someone out there playing. This is a sport that continues to grow and we are looking into seeing how we can expand on pickleball in the future.

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Resignation of Alan Jones and interim director Matt Leibfried

David Pierce reported that Matt has officially been made the MSTU Director. Matt is still working on finalizing our budget with the County Administrator, which is why he could not be at today's meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding splash pad repairs.

Discussion ensued regarding the Anniversary celebration and how well it was attended.

Board member Joanne Coast inquired if we had heard anything back regarding our budget. David Pierce reported that our budget is in good shape. If we have another good year we may be able to start discussions on expanding our grounds to accommodate our growing population.

Board member Joanne Coast inquired about how to set up a "friends" group for the Community Center to support the Community Center whenever needed. David Pierce informed the Board that he will send an email to the County Attorney to inquire on what is needed to be able to set up a friends group.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS None

NEXT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Our next advisory board meeting will be July 18, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Chairperson Kathleen Martin asked the Board for a motion to adjourn, motion was made by Carole LaMotte and seconded by Bobby Whipple. Approved by all.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Minutes Submitted by Marlene Perez Maldonado

Kathleen Martin

Chairperson, Kathleen Martin

7-18-23

Date