

HOA Meeting 05-14-26

Laurie Garrison, president of the HOA, called to order the HOA meeting on May 14 at about 7:05 PM followed by the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

Roll call

Board members present:

- President — Laurie Garrison
- Vice President — Bobbi Eskey
- Treasurer — Adrian Deschaine
- Director — Pete LaRocca
- Director — Angie Hucknall

Board members absent:

- Secretary — Vita Loparco

There were about 50 residents in attendance.

Speaker – Anthony Luizzo, Seniors vs. Crime

Seniors vs. Crime operates as a special project of the Florida Attorney General's Office and has been in existence since 1989. The closest office for Crane Lakes residents is at 724 Big Tree Road, Room 7, South Daytona. It's open on Thursdays from 10:00-2:00 and you can make an appointment or just walk in during business hours. Their phone numbers are 407-537-9509 and 833-547-5662, and their email address is Volusia@svcproject.org.

Anthony Luizzo, a retired NYPD officer, distributed informational material about what Seniors vs. Crime is, what they do and helpful tips to avoid being scammed. Some advice he offered during the presentation included:

- Turning off Wi-Fi auto-connect on your phone to avoid losing personal information while unintentionally logging onto an unsecured network.
- Protecting credit card information through the use of RFID wallets.
- Being careful while using QR codes as many are fake.
- Signing up for the free USPS Informed Delivery service that keeps you updated on your incoming mail.

FMO Representative

Newly appointed FMO Representative Kathy Harn spoke about the history of the FMO, what the organization does and why it's important to become a member and support the

organization. The FMO's current top priority is supporting the passing of HB827, which would cap property tax increase for mobile homeowners at 3% instead of 10%. She encouraged everyone to sign up for an FMO membership and to write to our Senate Representative Tom Wright to impress upon him the importance of passing this bill.

HOA Membership

Vice President Bobbi Eskey reported that total membership is at 304 and Membership Chair Lynne Barnes added there was one new member who signed up at the meeting, so we are up to 305. Bobbi reminded everyone about the \$50 drawing for HOA members in attendance at the meeting. Members must be present to win, and the drawing would take place at the end of the meeting. She also mentioned that we are only 95 members away from our goal of 400, and when we reach that milestone, we'll celebrate with a \$100 drawing at the next meeting.

Secretary Report

In the absence of Secretary Vita Loparco, Treasurer Adrian Deschaine reported that the minutes of the March 12 meeting are posted on the HOA's website:

CraneLakesHOA.com > Operations / Docs > Meetings. A motion to accept the report was made by Laurie Garrison and seconded by Director Angie Hucknall.

Treasurer's Report

Adrian Deschaine reported that the HOA financials are reconciled through the month of April and are posted on the website: **CraneLakesHOA.com > Operations / Docs > Financials.** A motion to accept the report was made by Angie Hucknall and seconded by Laurie Garrison.

- New Treasurer email: CLHOA.treasurer@yahoo.com.

New Off-Campus Activity

Laurie Garrison explained that, in an effort to offer variety in the activities we sponsor, the HOA is scheduling a bus trip to Titusville Playhouse to see the Tony Award-winning musical "Come from Away." Possible dates are October 3 and October 17 for a Saturday matinee. Tickets will be \$60 for HOA members and \$70 for non-members, which covers the show and a small amount for transportation. The HOA is covering the majority of the transportation expense. Attendance is limited to 55 people and tickets will go on sale after the Ballroom opens, in late June or July. We hope this is the first of many activities of this nature.

Veteran's Day Special Recognition

In celebration of the country's 250th anniversary, Laurie Garrison announced that we are planning an afternoon social in November to honor any resident who has served in any branch of the military. The date for this free event is tentatively November 14, the Saturday after Veteran's Day, pending confirmation from Crane Lakes Management. Forms were distributed to the audience to collect information on veterans' names, branch and service details. She encouraged veterans to submit pictures in their uniform so we can put together a slide show for the event. The forms can be turned into the HOA box, during Monday ticket sales, mailed to Laurie via community mail or emailed to her. Her addresses are on the form. She also solicited volunteers to help with event logistics.

Independence Day BBQ

Bobbi Eskey announced we will be holding an Independence Day Celebration on Friday July 3 on the pool deck. Music will be provided by Lady Michele, and food will be catered by the Roost. The event is free to HOA members and is \$10 for non-members. Lunch tickets are limited to 200 people and are available on June 22 for HOA members and June 29 for members and non-members.

Activities

Director Angie Hucknall provided a recap of recent activities and a summary of upcoming events:

- April 25, An Evening of Comedy — Feedback from the event was very positive. We hope to schedule similar activities in the future, albeit with different performers.
- May 15, Name That Tune Trivia — Lady Michele will be assisting with the tunes so people can test their musical knowledge in this fun trivia format.
- June 27, Trivia Night — Tentative, depending on renovations for the Ballroom being completed timely.
- June 29, Lunch and Learn — Milla Gudukis from Bankers Life will speak about handling investments in times of market volatility. This event is also dependent on the completion of Ballroom renovations.

- August — Ideas for activities include an ice cream social and a wine tasting. More information to come, but these are dependent on the renovations being completed.
- Scavenger Hunt — Tentatively planned for October 10, but we might move it into September. More information to come.
- October 31, Halloween Dance — With John Singer and his band.
- November 13, Live Band: Are Friends Electric. Current ticket prices to see this band at the Peabody Auditorium run from \$70-\$100. For Crane Lakes' event, the HOA is offering tickets at \$30 for HOA members and \$40 for non-members.
- December 5, Christmas Dance — With the band Tyme.
- December 31, New Year's Eve Dance — Band to be determined.
- January 9, Neil Diamond Tribute Show — By entertainer Keith Allyn.
- February, Valentine's Day Dance — With the Fabulous B Naturals, the same band we had this year.
- March, Walt Sanders — Will be doing an Elvis Presley tribute along with songs from the 70s and 80s.

With the large number of events the HOA is putting on, Angie solicited volunteers to help. She announced that in response to her request in the Blast for stagehands, we have two new volunteers to help in this capacity: Chris Johnson and Jeff Townson. They're a welcome addition to our team! She continued that there's room for more volunteers.

Lastly, Angie inquired if there was interest in scheduling a trip to a Daytona Tortugas baseball game. There were many members of the audience who expressed support for that idea so she will be pursuing that possibly for June, when the ballroom is closed.

Crane Lakes HOA New Website Demo

Director Pete LaRocca showed the new website on screen and went through every tab, explaining the content and usefulness of the information along the way. Feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive.

Clubhouse Renovations

Adrian Deschaine reviewed the renovation schedule:

- May 18 through June 19: Ballroom, Conference Room and Restrooms. The Kitchen will also be closed.
- June 20 through June 23: Center Hallway and Card Room.
- June 24 through July 24: Remaining areas of the Clubhouse, including the Library, Craft Room, Billiards Room, Mail Room and other Restrooms. The Gym will also be closed.

Open Forum

Pat Kirzl brought up concerns over the “toilet to tap” water conservation initiative Volusia County is proposing and asked anyone who would like to sign a petition against the measure to contact her.

John MacAluso expanded on Pat’s comments and explained that although the discussions happen at the county level, every city must vote individually. You can follow progress on the discussions by attending city council meetings or watching them on YouTube.

Several residents had questions on what exactly the Clubhouse renovations entailed, and Laurie Garrison explained that, to her knowledge, all flooring will be replaced and walls will be painted. We are also getting new sinks and toilets in the bathrooms, and the craft room is getting tables with electricity built in. Although the Gym and the Kitchen are not being renovated, these areas will be closed when their corresponding section is being renovated. The Ballroom chairs and tables will be refurbished, not replaced.

Adjournment

Laurie Garrison stated that the next HOA meeting is Thursday, August 13 at 7:00 PM. With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

After adjournment, the membership drawing was held. Bobbi Eskey asked Adrian Deschaine to draw the ticket, and Cathy Ashton was the lucky winner.

Respectfully submitted,
Adrian Deschaine
Treasurer