

MINUTES OF THE SVPOA BOARD MEETING – SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

President Ed Steil called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M.

Present: Ed Steil, Grace Guess, Bruce Gant, Roberta Walton, Pam Henderson, Tom Smith, Jamie Darrah, Debbie Dalhouse-Curtis

Absent: Dottie Rhodes, Carolyn McLendon, Luke Fogarty

SVPOA Candidates Forum (Steil)

It has been a long-term responsibility of the SVPOA to sponsor an opportunity for the Sky Valley community to meet and get to know the candidates for the City Council. This year, three council positions were open for election; two for full terms and one to fulfill the remaining term of Ed Morley. There were no qualifiers for the two full term positions and two qualifiers for the partial term; Tim Darrah and Susie Piontkowski. The Board identified four possible days during the month of October for the forum; October 4, 6, 11, and 13. Ed will notify the candidates of the available dates to schedule the forum. The forum will be held at the Chapel of Sky Valley from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. Bruce Gant will be the moderator for the event and Grace Guess will be the timekeeper. Each candidate will have 5 minutes for opening comments, 3 minutes to answer each question, and 3 minutes at the end for closing statements. Only written questions submitted by the audience will be answered by the candidates. Additional information will be provided when the forum date is established.

Nominating Committee (Tom Smith)

There is one vacancy on the Board resulting from the resignation of Bob O'Keefe and three upcoming vacancies from ending terms. The Nominating Committee has identified 4 potential candidates to fill those vacancies: Paul Evans, Tom Smith, Becky Whitehead and Don Germano. The Board will consider these candidates for approval at its October meeting.

Going Away Party (Guess)

The Going Away Party is scheduled on Sunday, October 23rd beginning at 6:00 P.M. at the Sky Valley Country Club. The menu will be heavy appetizers and a cash bar. The cost will be \$30 per member and \$40 per non-member guest. The full cost to the SVPOA is approximately \$40 per member. Grace Guess moved that the POA absorb up to \$750 to offset the full cost per member. Debbie Dalhouse-Curtis seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. Reservations should be sent to Pam Henderson and must be made by October 20th.

Welcome Back and Going Away Parties 2023 (Henderson)

Dates for the Welcome Back and Going Away Parties in 2023 have tentatively been set for June 4th and October 22nd, respectively.

Charitable Contributions (Steil)

Profits from the POA Pancake Breakfasts are used for end-of-season charitable contributions. This year those profits were approximately \$6,000. After discussion, the Board voted to contribute \$1,500 to each of the following charities: Sky Valley/Scaly Mountain Volunteer Fire Department, Rabun County

Habitat for Humanity, Paws 4 Life and the Chapel of Sky Valley. The donation to the Chapel of Sky Valley will be designated for new roofing costs. The motion to approve the contributions was made by Roberta Walton, seconded by Debbie Dalhouse-Curtis and unanimously approved. There were two additional charitable organizations suggested; Place of Hope and the Food Bank. It was agreed that these two groups should be invited to present more information about their organizations at a General Meeting next year to be considered for possible contributions during 2023.

Next meeting (Steil)

The next General Meeting of the SVPOA will be October 19th.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Walton