

MINUTES OF THE SVPOA GENERAL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

President Ed Steil called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

The meeting began with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening Comments (Steil)

Profits from Pancake Breakfasts are used for charitable contributions. This year's profit is approximately \$6,000. Charitable contributions will be given to four organizations in the amount of \$1,500 each. The checks will be presented to the organizations at the General Meeting on October 19th.

New Board Members to fill expiring terms will be elected at the General Meeting on October 19th.

Treasurer Report (Smith)

Tom Smith reported that the SVPOA has approximately \$45,000 in the bank. In addition, SVPOA Pancake Breakfast should generate approximately \$6,000 this year.

Going Away Party (Steil)

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. Reservations should be sent to Pam Henderson and must be made by October 20th.

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.

Program Presentation (Darrah)

Jamie Darrah introduced the program presenter Cara-Lee Langston who is Founder, Program Director and Lead Guide at the Wildcraft Kitchen located in Clayton, GA. Wildcraft Kitchen is Northeast Georgia's premier outfitter for food and nature-based education. From their home base, they aim to connect people to the natural environment and to promote health and wellness through local and wild foods. Their offerings include wild foods foraging tours, botanical property surveys, herbal medicine making workshops, local and wild foods cooking classes, and day camps and wellness retreats. More information about Wildcraft Kitchen may be found at wildcraftkitchenga.com.

Closing (Steil)

Following the Program, there was a lively discussion regarding the increase in house rentals through VRBO and Airbnb services. President Steil indicated the Sky Valley City Council is aware of concerns expressed by residents and is looking into those concerns.

Future Events (Steil)

The final Pancake Breakfast for this year will be held Saturday, October 8th.

The next General Meeting will be held on October 19th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Walton