



TUESDAY, October 1, 2024 (12:00 PM)

#02 MSFV 2024 OCTOBER MEETING

Location: Miami Shores Country Club

Called to Order: 12:00 PM

Adjourned: 12:51 PM

Introduction:

- **Susanne Rice, President** - Welcome

Invocation:

- Fran O'Connell provided the invocation in place of Lisa DePriest.

New Members Update:

- Linda Cabassa welcomed new members to the Miami Shores Friendly Villagers and recognized them.
- October Birthdays: All celebrating October birthdays were recognized by name.

Reports:

- **Kendra Campbell Borja, Recording Secretary:**
 - Minutes will no longer be read during meetings. Members can access minutes: 1) On the website 2) Via the monthly email 3) At the welcome table during luncheons.
- **Jacqueline Murdocco, Treasurer:**
 - Financial Report: Bank balance: \$6,937
 - Collected nearly \$2,000 in dues.
 - Ticket sales for the fashion show are open on Eventbrite. The ticket sales cover event costs.
 - Fundraising for the silent auction and sponsors is needed. The goal is to raise \$13,000-\$15,000.
- **Helen Mendel, Corresponding Secretary Update:**
 - Update was provided by Susanne Rice in Helen Mendel's absence.
 - Get well wishes were extended to Shemele Jenkins, Robin Hechler and Patty McCraven.

Old Business:

- **Susanne Rice, President:**
 - **Member Dues Reminder:** Please see Jacqueline Murdocco for payment. Members can pay via Zelle or check.
 - Directories will be available next month.
 - Members who attend at least three meetings can vote for charities.
 - A new Executive Director, Liangy Calli, was recognized.
 - Fashion show is only two months away.
 - She highlighted the welcome ambassador's table, where meeting minutes and the President's Report are available.

New Business:

- **Susanne Rice, President:**
 - **Fashion Show Committee:**
 - The fashion show is only two months away. Members are encouraged to spread the word and attendees can buy tickets on online.
 - Collection donations for the silent auction and raffle as well as sponsorships
 - **New Volunteer Roles:**
 - The roles of Second Recording Secretary and Historian are vacant.
 - The Historian role is a newly added Board position.
 - Members interested should speak with a Board member for more details.

Special Speaker:

- Fran O'Connell introduced guest speaker Andrew Bellison.

Topic: Estate Planning

- Andrew, an elder law attorney, spoke about the importance of planning for long-term care and asset protection.
- He emphasized the need for Power of Attorney and Health Care Surrogates.
- Estate plans should be reviewed and updated regularly.
- Discussed the differences between wills and trusts, highlighting the costs of not having a proper plan in place.
- Encouraged members to make decisions early to avoid issues later.

Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation:

- Susanne Rice presented a certificate to Andrew Bellison for his guest speaker service.

Open Discussion/Announcements:

- Sanda Infanti-Eusepi, a member of the Miami Art League, announced the October 19th Auction. She encouraged support for the 100-year-old organization and mentioned opportunities for small businesses to advertise in their newsletter.
- Liangy Calli's daughter is selling dog cookies for Saving Sage.

Adjournment:

- President Susanne Rice adjourned the meeting at 12:51 PM.