



TUESDAY, Feb 04, 2025 (12:00 PM)

#05 MSFV General Meeting MEETING

Location: Miami Shores Country Club

Called to Order: 12:03 PM

Adjourned: 1:08 PM

1. Welcome & Opening Activities - Susanne Rice

- **Pledge of Allegiance:**
- **Invocation:**
 - Lisa DePriest invocation about Love

2. Member Updates - Deb Dziena

- **Birthdays Recognized for the month of February**
- **Option to raise funds for the villagers on Facebook birthday funding**

3. Meeting Minutes Are Available Through the Newsletter and are Provided at Each Meeting

4. Treasurer's Report - J. Murdocco provided the Figures

- **Current Balance:** ~\$18,000 in the bank
- **Susanne Announced Charity Goals:**
 - Allocate 70% to charitable causes = \$14,000 is the initial estimate
 - Plans for 20 grants
 - Plans for 4 scholarships

5. Corresponding Secretary - Out ill (Susanne Reported)

- Ambassador table is important to sign in. Your attendance is counted towards your ability to nominate a grant recipient. Must attend at least 3 meetings.
- **Reminder:** Susanne Rice emphasized the importance of attendance for voting eligibility
- **Committee Chair Opening:** Historian position available/Discuss if this is a board level position.

5. New Business

- **Hero's Luncheon Committee:** Volunteers needed
- **Fundraising Initiatives:**
 - Pickleball Event on April 4th - Jacqui called for volunteers

- Honey Baked Ham fundraiser announced. Villagers to receive 20% of whatever is purchased. Deadline on April 17.
- Friendly hour - held on a Friday night here at the country club. Save the date on March 14th.
- February 23rd: Community Alliance for the Mayor's brunch. Susanne encouraged attendance.
- March 11 is Women's Club Fashion Show
- Leading Ladies event in Bal Harbour.

6. Speaker Presentation (Introduced by Liangy Calli) Marianna Nero

- **Topic:** Pelican Harbor Bird Sanctuary.
- **Key Highlights:**
 - Wildlife rescue. Rehabilitate and release animals. Small mammals - squirrels and possums.
 - Ambassador animals are those that cannot be release. Has to be comfortable around humans.
 - Mowgli the owl. She was attached by a cat and her wing is permanently broken, but she is comfortable. She is a screech owl.
 - Founded in 1980. Couple that lived in a houseboat on the marina. They found a pelican and were able to rehabilitate.
 - Word spread and more injured birds were being delivered to the rescue. They have high levels of rescues.
 - Next year they are moving to a new hospital 8 times bigger with a large educational center.
 - More species will be served and more educational opportunities.
 - **Speaker Insights and Recommendations**
 - How can you help an injured animal?
 - Keeps your cats inside
 - Poisoning. The mice eat the poisoned animal and the hawks and birds eat the rodent.
 - Use mouse traps.
 - Don't use the glue traps as the birds get stuck as well.
 - Fishing is a common activity - Seabirds get hooks and fishing equipment in their stomachs.
 - A lot of fishermen feed the birds - but it domesticates them and we don't want the birds to be too comfortable with humans.
 - Some cases of cruelty
 - Invite all attendees to follow social media and they do a lot of public releases and encourage people to attend.
 - Last year they treated 2447 animals. 10% increase in the year before. Growing year over year. As miami grows and develops more animals may get hurt.
 - Cost for running hospital is \$4,400 per day.
 - March 12 is the annual gala. 6-9:30. Please reach out if you would like tickets.

- Many Volunteer opportunities.

9. Closing Activities - Susanne Rice

- **Presentation of Certificate to Speaker**
- **Carla Peters announced some Chamber Events upcoming. Women in Business and Citizen of the Year, Green Day on April 26th.**
- **Easter Baskets - April 20th. Bring as many easter baskets as you can gather. A little candy and a little toy.**
- **Awareness given to California Fire Victims.**

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- President Susanne Rice adjourned the meeting at 1:10 PM.