

NOTE: THESE MINUTES WERE CORRECTED AT THE JUNE 5 MEETING AND THOSE CORRECTIONS WERE: 215 guests attended the Awards dinner – not 213, and there were 19 complimentary tickets give out and not 21. These changes appear below

MINUTES – APRIL 3, 2007
KURE BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER

The meeting was called to order by Frances Regan with a prayer. Members present were: Frances Regan, Jeannie Gordon, Helen Wilson, Jean Martin, Jackie Phillips, Nancy Hughes, and Jerry Smith. Minutes from the March 6th meeting were accepted as written.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Jeannie Gordon gave the treasurer’s report and all those present were handed out the “Final Income & Expenses” report updated as of April 3 of this year for the Spirit Awards Dinner.

FEEDBACK ON THIS YEARS DINNER VENUE: Discussions now turned to results of our Awards Recognition Dinner which was held at the Marriott Hotel on March 30. We had a total of **215 guests** at this dinner. The synopsis of many remarks is as follows: “*Best Ever*”, “*No Complaints*”, “*We had a Wonderful Time*”, “*WONDERFUL*”!!! The food, the music, and the people were all excellent! However, there were some “small glitches” with the seating and we need to pay more attention to this area in the future. Most members present at today’s meeting strongly felt that we should NOT reserve tables for future dinners. We will table this decision until planning next years’ event! However, all members present mentioned and agreed that going back to having this event at the Community Center could turn out to be a “hard sell” (tickets, that is).

COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS: There were **19** complimentary tickets given out this year; therefore, there was some discussion about “complimentary tickets” (or “comps”). Everyone at this meeting agreed that we have to give comp tickets to the nominees, but questioned other recipients such as the minister, special guests, etc.

ACTION: More discussion in order to set future guide-lines is necessary.

YOUTH AWARD: This year the committee received no youth award nominees – and we tried very hard to have churches look to their youths (under 18 years of age) for this category. One problem being that not many of the parishioners live in Kure Beach. A suggestion was made that possibly this award could be changed to an essay, or poster contest.

ACTION: Once again, this will be discussed at our Awards Planning Meeting late this year, in anticipation for next years’ awards dinner.

ISLAND FLORIST: There was some discussion as to the price paid for the flowers. Helen Wilson had a receipt (Island Florists business card) quoting a price for all flowers to be: \$500. But when she returned to the florist, the amount now jumped to \$683.00. All members felt that since the \$500.00 figure was written on the back of their business card that it was the agreed-upon amount and questioned why it had jumped an additional \$183.00???? Helen will go back to Island Florist and speak with the owner and report back to us. There was a suggestion that perhaps having potted plants on the tables rather than fresh flowers is another way to go and most committee members agreed that this would certainly be more cost-efficient.

THANK YOU NOTES: Pat Slachetka will write “Thank You” letters to quite a long list of people who attended our dinner, as well as offered services, time, etc. Those to be included are: Carolyn Justice, Danny McComas, Reverend Joey Canady, The Courtyard by Marriott, the Island Florist, our Mayor, as well as all Town Council Members, The Island Gazette, and the Snow’s Cut Magazine. A note will also go to Jackie & Herb Wiebe who kindly gave up their seats at their table for two people who had no place to sit.

BARBECUE: Next on the list for discussion, was the Barbecue for this coming Labor Day. A discussion arose that possibly we should change the date of the barbecue this year, but no decision was made and the subject was tabled until the May meeting. Some members said they get lots of company on the Labor Day Weekend and if that is so, what better way to have dinner for your company but to either have them come to our barbecue – or order takeout!

ACTION: This will have to be discussed at our next meeting.

NOMINATION FORMS: Many of the nomination write-ups were very short and not very informative while others were extremely well-written which made it was easier for the committee to be informed. We need to remind our citizens that when nominating an individual, they need to be more informative, provide as much information as possible about the nominee’s background, their contributions during the year, and should specify exactly the types of work that the individual contributed in order to give the committee members a complete picture of the volunteer. If the information given is too limited and sketchy, a proper decision is difficult.

ACTION: We need to get a small committee together to equalize and revise the Nominee Forms for next year. It should be more explicit to those nominating someone that we need as much information as possible on the nominee in order to make it easier to vote on the finalists. We need between 300 and 500 words to adequately get enough information for a decision. BUT, they should not be allowed to go over 500 words. This will enable all nominations to be as equal as possible.

At this point of the meeting, Jeannie announced that the new budget is due to Susan Suggs by April 13. Frances mentioned that it would be very difficult to meet that deadline.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS: MAY 1, 2007 10:00 A.M.*

***NOTE;** the May meeting was cancelled due to a quorum not being in attendance.

Note: Pat Slachetka and Jeannie Gordon will not be in attendance. Both are traveling in Europe.

Respectfully submitted by:

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