

THE CENTER OF ANNA MARIA ISLAND

*The Center is a Sec. 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization
which will be celebrating its 65th anniversary!*

Board Meeting Minutes for September 25, 2023

In attendance: Chris Culhane, Kathy Morgan Johnson, Ben Webb, Christine Major Hicks, Don Pervis, Liz Hager, Remi Drigan, Shelia Fuse, Jillian Ptak, and Dan Anderson. Absent with excuse: Mike Thrasher and Mark Short.

Call to Order at 5:33 pm. The June and July 2023 Board Minutes were approved by email vote. The August 2023 minutes were accepted by Liz Hager, seconded by Shelia Fuse, and approved.

Finance. Treasurer Dan Anderson reported. Monthly membership has increased from the prior fiscal year. Program revenue also increased as did related costs. Net income was a negative \$143,028. The increase in administration costs and payroll relates to the competitive market rate for employee retention. Extra employees were also needed for the summer camp program. Health benefits for employees amount to approximately \$5,000 per month. The Van Zant scholarship award was also paid out. The LaPensee bowling tournament grossed \$44,000, less bowling alley rental costs of \$17,000 and other expenses, which will be reported among September revenues.

Governance. Chair Liz Hager announced Shelia Fuse as new Governance Committee member. All Board members have signed the Center's Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality Policy as required by the bylaws.

Strategic Planning. Chair Remi Drigan presented long range goals, and that the Board is looking for new members with architecture, construction, or fundraising knowledge. Remi reviewed The Carter presentation to the Board and the Center's Mission Statement:

The Anna Maria Island Community Center, Inc., is dedicated to improving the quality of life for residents and visitors of all ages through delivery of educational, recreational, cultural, and family support services.

Development. Development Director Jillian Ptak reported that the fall campaign is underway. Jillian is working on getting support from corporate sponsors and new stakeholders. She is organizing a 65th Anniversary Celebration Campaign. On November 10th the Center will host an Open House/Celebration seeking to re-engage our community members. Tours will be given of the Center with a meet and greet cookout planned. The Giving Challenge is April 9 and 10, 2024, which will be a matching fundraiser sponsored by the Community Foundation.

Management. Executive Director Chris Culhane reported that per the Tourist Development Council all music concerts will be inside the auditorium. Chis is asking Anna Maria Mayor Dan Murphy to contact the TDC to change the March and April events to outside in the sports field.

Event Calendar. The upcoming Concert Series includes Simply Queen on December 9, 2023, Al Croce (son of Jim Croce) on January 13, 2024, Foghat on January 25, 2024, Guess Who on February 23, 2024, and Al Jardine on April 6, 2024. The Community Cookout will be November 10, 2023. The Lester Family Funday will be December 2, 2023. The Murder Mystery Dinner Shows will be March 1 and March 2, 2024.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.