

THE CENTER OF ANNA MARIA ISLAND

*The Center is a Sec. 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.
which will be celebrating its 66th anniversary!*

Board Meeting Minutes for February 24, 2025

In attendance: Board Chairman-Don Purvis, Kathy Morgan Johnson, Christine Major Hicks, Liz Hager, Sheila Fuse, Jillian Ptak, Catherine Leibfried, Remi Drigan.

Absent with excuse: Executive Director-Chris Culhane, Ben Webb, Dan Anderson.

Call to Order at 5:30pm. The minutes from the January 2025 meeting were approved with one correction. The donation figure for the Trolley Grant was \$1,540. Accepted with Christine Major Hicks proposing and Sheila Fuse seconding the motion. The minutes were approved.

Finance Christine Major Hicks reported on the Center finances up through Jan 2025. The Center is on a Cash Basis for accounting. A part-time bookkeeping position is needed. The Gulf Barrier Island Benefit restricted funds has a \$12,452 balance. Our annual membership figures show an increase, but our monthly/weekly numbers are down.

Governance. Chair, Liz Hager announced that the committee is reviewing the By-Laws (last updated 2/10/2017) about policy changes, documenting transparency and document retention. Also, all board members are reminded to sign the conflict of interest and confidentiality forms.

Strategic Planning. Don Purvis stated that the committee has composed a questioner about future strategic planning, identifying key areas of focus and direction. He will report on the findings at the next meeting.

Development. Jillian Ptak reported that the annual fundraising campaign has with great success. The Farmers Market continues every Tuesday and attracts significant traffic to the Center.

Executive Committee No report.

Management The Center is getting quotes for new fencing destroyed by the hurricanes and has received a \$55,000 grant to offset costs. The Security camera system is 99% complete, with Tyler Bekkerus and Chris Culhane having camera access. A new scoreboard is being installed featuring sponsor names.

Event Calendar. Several exciting upcoming events on the calendar include the Concert Series featuring John Lodge-Moody Blues, Infamous Stringdusters, and Robby Krieger- The Doors. The Murder Mystery Dinner Shows are scheduled for March 28 and March 29, 2025, with a Halloween theme. The AMI Garden Club will be hosting a fashion show on February 26th, and on March 8th, the Wine Tasting Fundraiser will take place. The Crawfish Boil is scheduled for May 3rd. The annual St. Patty's Day Parade is March 16th. Bingo is March 14th. (previous bingo was attended by 178 people). April 26th is the Anna Maria Elementary School gala.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm. The next board meeting is March 24th.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Morgan Johnson

Secretary, The Center