

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 January 27, 2025

In Attendance:

Executive Director: Chris Culhane

- **Board Chairman:** Don Purvis
- **Board Members:** Dan Anderson (Treasurer), Ben Webb, Remi Drigan, Kathy Morgan Johnson (Secretary & City of Anna Maria Liaison), Christine Major Hicks (via Zoom), Liz Hager, Sheila Fuse, Jillian Ptak, Caroline Leibfried, Carol Whitmore (Holmes Beach Liaison)
- **Zoom Attendance:** Eric Troyer (Kerkerling Barberio Accountant)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM by Board Chairman Don Purvis. The minutes from the October, November, and December 2024 meetings were unanimously approved. Liz Hager moved to accept, and Remi Drigan seconded the motion.

Audit Report

Eric Troyer presented the financial audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024:

- Expenses decreased by \$25,000 compared to the previous year.
- Revenue reached a five-year high due to increased membership and donations.
- The Financial Statement Audit resulted in an unmodified opinion, confirming the Center's strong financial health.

Finance Report

Dan Anderson provided a financial update through December 2024:

- The Center operates on a cash basis and ended February with a **net income of \$304,877**.
- Total fundraising income was **\$507,582 YTD**, a 485% increase over last year's **\$86,758**, largely due to restricted hurricane relief donations.
- Program income decreased by **14.7%**, attributed to hurricane-related closures.
- Notable donations:
 - **\$15,000** from David Johnson of the Eisenbarth Trust
 - **\$17,000** trolley grant from the AMI Chamber of Commerce

- **\$115,000** was spent on two new vans to replace hurricane-damaged vehicles, with insurance covering only **\$50,000**.

Governance Report

Liz Hager noted that there were no governance updates.

Strategic Planning

Don Purvis shared that he, Chris Culhane, Mary Kate Scott, and Jay Parsens are developing a survey to identify trends and ideas for the Center's future.

Development Report

Jillian Ptak reported on fundraising efforts:

- Raised **\$195,000** of the **\$200,000** goal.
- She, along with Remi Drigan and Caroline Leibfried, contacted donors and sent holiday cards to supporters.

Management Report

Executive Director Chris Culhane provided updates:

- Health insurance renewal costs increased by **10%**.
- A lawsuit regarding an injured Center member was settled.
- Security cameras are being installed to record events.
- Over **250 volunteers** participated in the beach renourishment project from Sycamore Avenue to Bean Point.
 - Over **30,000 plants** (sea oats and flowering vines) were planted in partnership with The Center, Good Guardians Collective and Oyster River Ecology.
- January Bingo saw **175 attendees**.
- The **Wailers concert on January 11th** was well attended.

Upcoming Events

- **Concert Series:**
 - John Lodge (Moody Blues) – **March 24, 2025**
 - Infamous Stringdusters – **April 5, 2025**
 - Robby Krieger (The Doors) – **April 12, 2025**
- **Fundraisers:**
 - Wine Tasting – **March 8, 2025**
 - Annual Murder Mystery Play – **March 28, 2025**
 - June fundraiser at the Bradenton Convention Center (announcement forthcoming)
- **Community Events:**
 - Weekly Farmers Market – **Tuesdays**

- Bingo – **February 21, 2025**
- AMI Garden Club Fashion Show – **February 26, 2025**
- AME Princess Ball – **February 28, 2025**

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at **6:47 PM**. The next board meeting is scheduled for **February 24, 2025**.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen Morgan Johnson
Secretary, The Center