

THE CENTER OF ANNA MARIA ISLAND

Celebrating 66 Years of Service

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: March 31, 2025

Location: The Center | Zoom Access Available

In Attendance:

Executive Director: Chris Culhane

Board Members: Don Purvis (Chair), Kathleen Morgan Johnson (Secretary, City of Anna Maria Liaison), Christine Major Hicks, Liz Hager, Sheila Fuse, Jillian Ptak, Catherine Leibfried

Zoom Attendance: Carol Whitmore (City of Holmes Beach Liaison), Dan Anderson (Treasurer)

Excused Absences: Ben Webb, Remi Drigan

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the February 2025 board meeting were approved. Motion made by Liz Hager and seconded by Sheila Fuse. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Finance

Dan Anderson presented the financial report through February 2025.

- The Center operates on a cash basis for accounting.
- The Center is currently \$25,000 under budget.
- The Gulf Barrier Island Benefit raised \$628,314, of which \$613,674 was distributed to restaurant employees, leaving a balance of \$14,640.
- Annual memberships have increased, currently at 473, but monthly/weekly memberships are down.

Governance

Chair Liz Hager reported:

- The committee is reviewing the Bylaws, last updated February 10, 2017, focusing on policy changes, transparency, and document retention. A full report will be shared at the next meeting.
- All board members are reminded to sign the Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality forms.

Strategic Planning

Chair Don Purvis announced:

- A strategic planning questionnaire has been developed to identify key focus areas. Results will be presented at the April meeting.

Development

Jillian Ptak reported:

- The annual fundraising campaign has been highly successful.
- Five hurricane recovery grants have been awarded, including one from the Glazer family of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.
- The Giving Challenge Anniversary is scheduled for April 9–10. Families are encouraged to share stories about the Center's impact.
- The Tuesday Farmers Market continues to draw strong traffic to the Center.

Executive Committee

No report.

Management Report

Chris Culhane reported:

- A 360 Review of staff is underway, launched in late March and expected to conclude in June.
- A new scoreboard, named the J.N. Feeney Scoreboard, will be installed on April 8, sponsored by Air and Energy.
- Storm damage repair and prevention efforts continue, including new fencing and generator installation.
- Dr. Hutchinson of Cortez (Bradenton) will begin providing functional medicine services, including:
 - * BioCharger
 - * Salt therapy
 - * Ion foot detox
 - * Bemer
 - * BrainTap
 - * IV therapy
- Over 200 children have participated in soccer programs.
- The Center is evaluating the cost of 8x8 portable buildings to expand classroom space.

Upcoming Events

- Concert Series:
 - * John Lodge (Moody Blues)
 - * Infamous Stringdusters
 - * Robby Krieger (The Doors) – Cancelled
- April 26: Anna Maria Elementary School Gala
- May 2: Kansas and The Outlaws at the Bradenton Convention Center
- May 3: Crawfish Boil

- May 26 (Memorial Day): City of Anna Maria Celebration at the Center, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Note: The March St. Patrick's Day Parade was cancelled due to lightning.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: Monday, April 28, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Morgan Johnson

Secretary, The Center of Anna Maria Island