

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!*

The Center of Anna Maria Island Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: July 28, 2025

Location: The Center of Anna Maria Island

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:33 PM by Chairman Don Purvis. Don welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

Attendance: Present: Don Purvis, Christine Major Hicks, Sheila Fuse, Liz Hager (Via Zoom), Caroline Leibfried (Via Zoom), Chris Culhane, Kathleen Morgan Johnson, Ben Webb (Via Zoom) Absent: Dan Anderson, Jillian Ptak and Remi Drigan.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. One correction was noted: Christine Major Hicks is not a member of the Strategic Planning Committee. Members confirmed for the committee are Don Pervis, Jake Parsons, Scott Cooper, Mary Kate Scott, and Jillian Ptak.

Motion to approve the corrected minutes was made by Christine Major Hicks and seconded by Sheila Fuse. The motion passed unanimously.

Bylaws Update: Liz Hager presented the final version of the amended bylaws, which had undergone extensive review and input from the Governance and Finance Committees. Key changes included:

- Removal of specific financial thresholds from the bylaws (to be addressed in policy instead)
- Addition of a clause limiting Board turnover to no more than 25% in any one election cycle

Motion to approve the amended bylaws was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Strategic Planning Update: Don Purvis provided an update. The committee is focusing on implementing key elements of the Center's vision in a fiscally responsible, phased approach. Major capital initiatives are being delayed in favor of smaller, strategic improvements. Additional meetings will take place in August.

The "Hub" initiative, which would promote the Center as a central informational and community platform, is being further explored, including development of a dedicated app or partnership with TDC.

Finance Report: Christine Major Hicks and Chris Culhane reported on year-end financials:

- The Center ended the fiscal year with a \$79,000 surplus, with revenues of nearly \$3.2 million and expenses of approximately \$3.1 million.
- Fundraising accounted for 68% of revenue, with program revenue accounting for 30%.
- The \$50,000 TDC sponsorship arrived in early July and will appear in next month's report.
- The Center has also received a \$1,200 summer camp grant and updated accounting classifications for unrestricted funds.

Budget Preview: Next year's budget is expected to be approximately \$2.5 million, with a focus on maintaining minimal growth and continuing core operations. The final budget will be presented at the August meeting.

Executive Compensation Review: The Finance Committee presented its recommendation to adjust Executive Director Chris Culhane's salary. The recommendation is based on nonprofit compensation benchmarks from DeSoto and Manatee counties and reflects Chris's performance and the growth of the Center.

The Board supported the recommendation unanimously.

Personnel Update: A new part-time Financial Specialist has been hired to support the Center's accounting and financial operations. She will begin on September 15.

Facilities Report: A section of fencing collapsed and caused damage to a vehicle. Insurance coverage is being reviewed. Repairs are underway.

Events & Programs:

- Bowling Tournament is scheduled for September 6.
- Fall Festival: Tentatively October 18
- Murder Mystery Play Tentatively March 6 & 7.
- Additional concerts are being explored. Bookings for bands such as Sly and the Family Stone and the Whalers are in progress.
- Discussion is ongoing regarding future use of the Center's fields and the potential return of the farmer's market.

Preschool & Nursery Update: The Center has received verbal confirmation from the Florida DCF (via the Director of Mass Care) that it may retain dual licenses for childcare operations. Written confirmation is pending.

New Business:

- The Center is a finalist for Manatee County Chamber Nonprofit of the Year. The winner will be announced on August 21.

- App interface upgrades and feedback from teen programs and summer camps have been positive.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:38PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Morgan Johnson,
Secretary, Board of Directors
The Center of Anna Maria Island