**Republican Club of Southwest Florida**

March 02, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Lions Club of Bonita Springs, FL

**Meeting Called to Order**: President Bill Ribble called the meeting to order at 6:00

**Officers Present:** President Bill Ribble, Vice-President Fred Forbes, Secretary Larry Fiesel, Directors Joanne Ribble, Carolyn Forbes

**Recognition of Elected Officials**: Nigel Fullick, Bonita Council Member, District 5, Vice-Mayor Fred Forbes, Bonita Council, District 6, Estero Council Member, District 1, Joanne Ribble, Estero Council Member, District 2, Larry Fiesel

**Recognition of Sponsor**: Engel & Volkers - Jim and Ellen Hollars

**Invocation**: Secretary Larry Fiesel

**Pledge of Allegiance**: Vice-President Fred Forbes

**Approval of February 02, 2022 Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve by Ed Weil, Seconded by Bob Pritt. Motion was unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report: March 02, 2023, by President Bill Ribble in the absence of Jim Sido**

**Disbursements: February 2023**

02/02 Debit Card Florida Business Certificate Services $ 87.25

02/02 Ck 133 Lions Club Meeting Reservation $100.00

02/07 Ck 134 Bill Ribble Expense Reimbursement $ 64.98

02/21 Debit Card Miklas Social Media Web Support $385.00

02/24 Ck 9010 Cynthia Torres Transfer Web Owner $ 50.00

 **Total Expenses $687.23**

**Income: February 2023**

02/02 John Hoffman Square $ 23.97

02/02 John Wetzelberger Mobile Deposit $ 25.00

02/06 Shaw, Carius, Cullison, Rain Deposit $150.00

 **Total Deposit $198.97**

**Summary:**

**Beginning Balance $1,887.58**

**Income $ 198.97**

**Disbursements $ 687.23**

**Ending Balance $1,449.32**

**Business Savings Account $ 967.45**

**Approval of February 02, 2023 Treasurer's Report:** Motion to approve by Amy Quaremba, Seconded by Rafael Lopez. Motion was unanimously approved.

**Guest Candidates Introductions:**

**Rafael Lopez,** candidate for Village of Estero Council, District 5

**Guest Introductions:**

**Order of Business & Introduction of Guest Speaker: Heather Turco, Crime Prevention Specialist, Lee County Sheriff's Office**

Heather has been working with the Lee CountySheriff's Office since December 2017. Prior to that she worked as a news anchor/reporter for NBC2. After two decades of researching and reporting crime stories, she made a career move into law enforcement, in hopes of educating and empowering people on ways to stay safe and live a happy healthy life.

She is married with two children, a 19-year-old sophomore and a 22-year-old recent graduate from the University of Florida. Heather grew up in Oklahoma and attended the University of Oklahoma.

* Keep people from becoming victims of crime

 Bullying at all ages

 Phone calls -scams

 Email - scams

 Three words: verify, update, confirm are all scams to obtain personal information

* Economic crimes have an 8% arrest rate because the criminals are on the other side of the planet
* Bullying defined:

 Intentional

 Repetitive

 Aggressive

 Behavior involving an imbalance of power or strength

* Other bullying:

 Adult bullying

 Late life bullying

 Narcissistic

 Physical

 Verbal

 Secondary

* Why do people bully:

 They are unhappy

 Pretend they are tough

 Hide their fears

**New Business:** There was no new business.

**Announcements:**

2023Collier/Lee County Victory Appreciation Breakfast, Saturday March 18, Hunters Ridge Golf & Country Club, 12500 Hunters Ridge Blvd, Bonita Springs; Registration: 8-9 am, Breakfast 9-11 am. Congressman Byron Donalds speaker.

Next meeting will be April 13, 2023 at the Lions Club, Bonita Springs, FL with guest speaker Armor Persons, Lee County School Board.

May 04 meeting with Noelle Branning

June 01 meeting with Sheriff Carmine Marceno

September 07 meeting with Amira Fox

**Motion to Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned by President Bill Ribble at 7:07