

Republican Club of Southwest Florida

February 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

Invocation: Secretary Larry Fiesel

Pledge of Allegiance: Vice-President Fred Forbes

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

Recognition of Elected Officials: Cathleen Morgan, Lee County School Board, District 7, Sam Fisher, Lee County School Board, District 1, Kevin Karnes, Lee County Clerk of the Courts, Nigel Fullick, Bonita Council Member, District 5, Fred Forbes, Bonita Council, District 6, Estero Council Member, District 1, Joanne Ribble, Estero Council Member, District 2, Larry Fiesel, David Klein, Lee Health Board, District 3

President Bill Ribble informed the Club that Cecil Pendergrass sent a check for \$500 to the Club.

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

Approval of January 05, 2022 Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve by Fran Mainella, Seconded by Nancy Sido. Motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: February 02, 2023

Disbursements: January 2023

01/10	Ck 132	Lions Club of Bonita Springs	\$100.00
01/20	Debit Card	Miklas Social Connections	\$385.00
01/26	Debit Card	Estero Chamber of Commerce	\$249.00
		TOTAL	\$734.00

Income: January 2023

January 01-31	Square 9 Transactions 12 Members	Dues	\$ 482.73
01/05/2023	Deposit Batos, Batos, Forbes	Dues	\$ 200.00
01/06/2023	Deposit Shaw	Dues	\$ 25.00
01/09/2023	Deposit 8 Checks-\$500, Cash-\$170	Dues	\$ 670.00
01/11/2023	Deposit Ewings	Dues	\$ 50.00
01/17/2023	Deposit Lowers, Lowe, Thomson Commissioner District 2	Dues	\$ 225.00
01/24/2023	Deposit Cecil Pendergrass + Ron George	Dues & Donation	\$ 525.00

Summary:

Beginning Balance	\$ 443.85
Income	\$2,177.73
Disbursements	\$ 734.00
Ending Balance	\$1,887.58

Approval of February 02, 2023 Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve by Ed Weil, Seconded by Nancy Sido. Motion was unanimously approved.

Guest Introductions:

Rafael Lopez, candidate for Village of Estero Council, District 5
Michael Thompson, Chairman, Lee County Republican Executive Committee
Tara Jenner, Lee County Republican Executive Committee

Annual Meeting Topic - Election of Officers

Bob Pritt presided over the election, Nick Batos nominated the present slate of officers for two year term. Bob Pritt asked if each nominee would be willing to serve for the two year term, all officers agreed in the affirmative. Motion for the existing officers to serve for the next two years, motion passed unanimously. Michael Thompson swore in the new officers.

Order of Business & Introduction of Guest Speaker: Tommy Doyle, Lee County Supervisor of Elections



Tommy Doyle is a lifelong resident of Lee County with a deep-rooted passion for the county's history and traditions. His fundamental belief in our representative form of government led him to run for office. He was elected Supervisor of Elections in November 2016 and took office in January 2017.

His desire to strengthen the values of outstanding customer service to the citizens of Lee County and emphasize fiduciary responsibility in election budget management has brought forth innovation and excellence in the day-to-day operations of the Lee County Elections Office.

He has made it a top priority to safeguard the security of the office's network databases, computer systems, and elections. By ensuring an ongoing commitment to coordinating enhanced systems security practices, the office reinforces its dedication to secure elections and the voters of Lee County.

Since being elected, he has provided for the restructuring of all Elections Office departments, thereby elevating or creating additional levels of services provided to the citizens of Lee County.

Tommy is a graduate of Bishop Verot High School. He is a United States Air Force veteran and spent four years in Tampa where he worked for the Joint Command as an Airborne Radio Operator at MacDill Airforce Base. He later attended the University of West Florida where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Accounting.

Tommy actively supports the community as a member of the Fort Myers Rotary Club and serves annually on an Allocations Board for United Way of Lee County. In early 2018, through Tommy's positive leadership, the Lee County Elections Office chose to partner with Valerie's House, a non-profit organization based in Fort Myers, Florida. Valerie's House programs are designed to give children and families of Southwest Florida a safe place to share, grieve, grow and connect with one another, and learn the tools to heal after they have experienced the death of someone they love.

Tommy and his wife, Donna, have been married since 1987. They have three children, Ryan, Taylor, and Lauren, and, in 2017, were blessed with their first grandchild.

- Conducting an election following Hurricane Ian was brutal
- Notice for the election in March for Estero and Sanibel will be posted in the newspapers this week with all polling locations listed, there is no early voting for this election
- His office is getting ready for the presidential preference election
- Section 3 of Executive Order allows for forwarding ballots for voters who have been misplaced by the hurricane
- Getting ready to open branch office in Lehigh, both a voting site and a precinct site
- All 'Vote by Mail' applications have expired, need to file a new application
- 30,000 plus voted on election day
- Secure ballot intake station at early voting sites
- Going back to 97 voting sites for the next election

New Business: There was no new business.

Announcements:

Next meeting will be March 02, 2023 at the Lions Club, Bonita Springs, FL

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting by Ed Weil, Seconded by Nick Batos, meeting adjourned at 7:03