

THE PUNTA GORDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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February 06, 2018

In attendance: Margaret Bogardus; Jaha Cummings; Martha McKenzie; Linda Wilson; Sue Blackwell; Martha Bireda; Mercedes Triana; Judy Anderson; Georgia Garrett; Stacy Zientarski; Frances Rogers; Patricia Ross; Terry Moleton; Carol Knutson; Theresa & Gene Murtha; Don & Rosene Hair; Sushila Cherian

Margaret opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Minutes: Martha McKenzie read the minutes from the last General Membership meeting. Margaret asked if there were any corrections and there being none, the Minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer Report: The report through the end of the year December 2017 is in the packet. Our Treasurer, Connie Winesett was not available due to her work schedule.

Committee Reports:

Communication/Public Outreach: Sue Blackwell spoke to the members about the new Website and our Facebook Page. To go to our website, please go to: www.puntagordahistory.com when on the site, go to the upper left hand corner and click on the bars there to reveal the crop down page, scroll to the bottom of that and you click on **Links** from there you can go to our Facebook Page. Like and share with friends.

Strategic Planning: Gene Murtha spoke to the members about the upcoming Giving Challenge and informed the group that meetings are beginning for Fundraising. The Giving Challenge will occur from 12:00 Noon on May 1st through 11:59 am on May 2nd.

Pioneer Days: Judy Anderson spoke to the members regarding the opportunity to work with our sister organization, The Charlotte County Historical Society, in partnership. We will join them as they host this event and that they will share the profits with us. This event will be at the History Park on Friday, February 23rd and Saturday, February 24th and is a great opportunity to share some of our history with the children and the public. Volunteers are needed to man stations and assist the older students as they work with younger children.

Margaret informed the members that we have a Vendor in tonight's meeting, Don Hair and his wife. That he sells bicycles and has donated 10 bicycles to the Homeless Coalition in the name of the Punta Gorda Historical Society.

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In the last Board of Director's meeting, the Board voted to revise the General Membership Dates to the following: February 6Th; April 3Rd; September 4Th; November 6Th; and December 4Th. Which are quarterly meetings that will include a 30 – 45 minute update on the business, events, and news of the Organization and then an Educational Program for the remainder of the meeting.

There was a question from Frank Mazer regarding the newly revised General Membership Meeting dates for the 2018 year, as to why it was changed by the Board.

Discussion took place and Martha McKenzie mentioned that many of the members did not want to come to a meeting every month, and that it soon became a second Board meeting with only Board members attending; Margaret mentioned that over the summer many take their vacations and cannot attend and that it ties up the building from being rented for profitable events; Sue Blackwell mentioned that with the Website that we have now, the Bylaws, Treasurer's Report and Events can be posted there as well as any other pertinent information that is needed to keep members informed. Martha will send a notice to all members of future open Board Meetings, in case they would like to attend.

At this time, Margaret turned the meeting over to Martha Bireda to present a look into the past with the program: "Doctoring, Medicines & Grannies".

The next General Membership meeting will be on April 3Rd.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha McKenzie,

PGHS - Recording Secretary