

MICA General Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2013
Approved 05/20/13

OPENING:

MICA President Barry Lerich called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bob Barrett.

SECRETARY REPORT:

MICA Secretary Debbie Williams read the minutes of the January 22, 2013 meeting. A correction was made to reflect that the Nordland Garden Club is not a "committee" and the minutes were then approved.

TREASURER REPORT:

MICA Treasurer Owen Mulkey reported the MICA general account balance is \$2,323.61. The only expenses incurred were for the Citizen of the Year Banquet in the amount of \$71.66 and a \$200 donation to the Nordland Garden Club. The cemetery account has a balance of \$2,798.60.

Owen also reported there are 126 members who are current on their MICA dues, up from 111 members from the last meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Barry Lerich reported the By-Laws Revision Committee has been working diligently to develop a proposed amendment package to present to the membership for a vote at the May meeting. There are still a few items requiring resolution. When they are complete, the package will get a quick review by the Board which will then prepare a plan for distribution of the proposal to the membership for review before the scheduled vote. A sheet providing rationale for the proposed changes will be included. Barry anticipated the proposal will be distributed by April 20. Bob Barrett commented on having a substantial quorum for approving the By-Laws. It was determined that a quorum of 30% of the membership (38 members at this time) must be present to conduct a vote on amending the by-laws. Two-thirds of those members voting in favor of the amendment (a minimum of 24 at this time) will amend the by-laws.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pete Hubbard commented on the letter that was sent to Ms. Jenkins regarding the Nordland Post Office issues. He stated that the letter contained 27 pages of our petition entitled "Keep the Nordland Post Office Open As Is; Do Not Change the Hours." There were 521 net valid signatures obtained representing 59.4% of 877 Marrowstone Island residents. The membership recognized Paul Richmond and his diligent pro bono work on this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SALT WATER COMMITTEE: None.

FRIENDS OF FORTH FLAGLER (FOFF) COMMITTEE: Patty Ivers reminds us of the upcoming Second Annual Community Dance this Saturday, March 23, from 5 to 9 p.m. She invites everyone to come out and support this fundraising event and promises fun for the whole family. The Tyrolean Trio will provide music for polka dancing. Raffle tickets are being sold and a lucky winner will win a gift basket valued at over \$400 filled with many fun items.

MARROWSTONE ISLAND FOUNDATION (MIF) COMMITTEE: Martin Ivers put out a request for scholarship applications for graduating seniors going into a health related field. Bob Barrett points out that scholarships are not limited to high school seniors and can be considered for continuing education for college students. They both comment on the outstanding merits of

Marrowstone Island youth who are often in the top 5 or 10 students at Chimacum high school.

NORDLAND GARDEN CLUB GROUP: Ellen Lerich announced the Nordland Garden Plant Sale is coming up on May 4, at the Garden Club.

MARROWSTONE ISLAND FOOD GROWERS COMMITTEE (MIFG): Rita Kepner reports that peas are sprouting!

MARROWSTONE ISLAND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE (MIEP): Pete Hubbard informed us that "Map Your Neighborhood" is in full swing and the goal is to have everyone on the island attend at least one meeting. We can find monthly meeting information on the Marrowstone Island Information website.

Pete also shared the concern of lack of 911 red address signs appropriately posted and the emergency responders difficulties finding addresses for people making these 911 calls. Bob Barrett added that this is especially important for ADU's on properties that have just one address sign posted for several inhabited dwellings on the property. He told us to have additional 911 red signs made to guide emergency responders by adding an A, B, etc., after the address number. Pete stated you owe it to yourself to be certain ER personnel can find you quickly and easily. These signs can be ordered by contacting Jefferson County Department of Community Development.

CEMETERY REPORT: Owen says the moles are still there!

IN CLOSING, volunteers are needed to fill upcoming vacancies on the Board of Directors. Positions to be filled include Secretary position and two individuals for the Nominating Committee.

The general meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m., with a 15-minute break for coffee and cookies

GUEST SPEAKER:

Chris Prescott introduced Guest Speaker Bill Tennent, the Executive Director of the Jefferson County Historical Society. The society was established in 1879, and has been very active in promoting historic preservation and awareness of the rich history of Jefferson County.

Mr. Tennent enthusiastically described the mission of the Historical Society: "To actively discover, collect, preserve, and promote the heritage of Jefferson County in the State of Washington." The Society is non-profit and funded by membership dues, gift shop sales, admissions, special events, annual fund drive and grants. The Society operates the Jefferson County Museum and the Historical Research Center and it manages the Rothschild House Museum and the Olympic Peninsula Gateway Visitor Center and Museum. It also manages the Commanding Officer's Quarters. Mr. Tennent shared with us that the Historical Society collections include 20,000 artifacts, a half a million documents, and 20,000 photographs, with many of these accessible on the web. Mr. Tennant described ongoing programs including museum tours, summer history camps, family fun days, historical walking tours of Downtown and Uptown Port Townsend, first Friday lectures, and the annual community celebration on New Year's Eve. He invites us to participate in these events and to explore the museums.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Williams, MICA Secretary