

Town of Southwest Ranches
School Education Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes

Monday

Town Hall

February 8th, 2021

13400 Griffin Road

7:00 PM

Southwest Ranches, FL 33330-2628

Board Members Present:

Priscilla Prado-Stroze

Page Giaicin

Jennifer Montgomery

Rosina Marrisodi-Bove

Christina Brownlow

Kathy Sullivan

Debbie Green

Leah Castillo

Francesca Case

Council Present:

Mayor Breitzkreuz

Vice-mayor Hartmann

Gary Jablonski

David Kuczenski

Jim Albritton

Staff Present:

Debra Ruesga

Guests Present:

Kristin Green

Call to order at 7:00 pm. A quorum was established and the Pledge recited.

Debbie Green motioned to accept the minutes from January 11, 2020. Page Giaicin seconded and the motion carried.
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Discussion items:

- Since other fundraising ideas could not be approved, Kathy found the “flocking”: a flock of 25 pink flamingos are placed at an individual’s house...a donation gets them “removed” along with a form to “flock” someone else...and so it goes. In one week, she has raised \$3,000. Kathy is maintaining a spreadsheet for volunteer assignments and flocking addresses. This is really gathering steam. Should we post a flyer at Publix...not yet, maybe when things slow-down. As of right now, five flocks are going out. Bob will do a photo display for the Rancher. We need volunteers: Maddison and Jessica are working very hard getting flocks onto yards! Send volunteers to Kathy.
- Per volunteers and hours, Maddison, Ricky, both Morales kids, and Jessica have accrued 40 hours. Kristin Green is accruing hours. No one else has asked for opportunities at this point. (Only folks with 40 hours qualify to apply for funds, per scholarship language. Per volunteer residency requirement, Debra handles this verification and proof of college acceptance.) Jim said the flamingos are actually slowing folks down on his street (added bonus!). Mayor Paul is doing something similar in Davie. Having another sponsor’s name on a flocking sign would take away from the concept.
- Kathy would still like to have the Pageant even if it is virtual. The Toll Brothers will be a sponsor.

- Maddison has reached-out to local students concerning serving on Town boards. This type of opportunity may open a lot of doors for a young man or woman.
- WBHS will be having some type of graduation and prom. Let's try to host a drive-through ceremony again if needed.
- Francesca and Kristin have been working on details and details concerning the scavenger hunt: pick 10 -20 options; how shall a winner be chosen...perhaps put names into a raffle; charge \$10-\$20 per person or group (price could be based upon number of participants); start times could be staggered via texts; give 4-5 hour block to submit; there is a phone app for scavenger hunts ("Goose Chase"); the app does require a code; there could be a theme to the hunt; a tentative date and time for the hunt is requested for the next meeting (before May if possible); order of challenges is not important; the elementary school could participate also; Francesca and Kristin will come up with fun challenges; businesses and restaurants can be part of the hunt; should we supply lanyards?; post-hunt event via Outback?
- Page...have you been able to contact CC Homes for sponsorship? Brooke will submit a letter describing the scholarship, tier levels, her picture, and a copy of THINK magazine.
- Debbie Green discussed her synagogue's family zoom nights for bingo and trivia...lots of fun! Virtual bingo does exist as an app, and the host picks the bingo shapes. Cards can be emailed, played on a pad, or printed-out. The event is one hour and includes three games. Folks could pay by dropping-off checks to Town Hall two weeks ahead of the event. Debra will check if we could use the Town zoom. All members could sell 20 tickets. Names could be put on a spinning wheel to pick a champion.
- Could we have a garage sale? (not at this time)
- Could we get sponsorships from local nurseries? Could they be incorporated into the scavenger hunt? Perhaps we take a picture of a specific plant to be found on the hunt.
- The Sikh's are interested in working together on a virtual run. There is a race app for this too. "Josh" has done these events and we will talk with him on February 12th. Sponsorships and logistics are being worked on. Perhaps during April 25th-May 9th. We can set-up runtimes, cost, and prizes (we have the Gregory medals to utilize). Debbie Green would like to continue assisting. Kathy will call her brother-in-law for help as well.
- Current scholarship funds are \$12,702. Debbie will ask CEHOA to donate. We will keep some roll-over funds for next year.
- Items for the next meeting: Scavenger hunt; Page and CC Home sponsorship; Bingo details from Debbie; Review of volunteer hours; distribution amounts for this year's scholarship recipients.
- Councilman Kuczenski loves all of the flocking excitement. Councilman Jablonski saw kids involved in clean-up efforts (not connected to scholarship hours). Councilman Albritton has offered to share his traffic calming signs.

The meeting concluded at 8:30 pm.