**Directors present:**

Henry Bausback, President; Richard Parlato, Vice President; Matt Tilka, Treasurer; Kate Bloomquist, Recorder; Shelley Watson, Jack Wooster, Kevin Spence, Jacqueline Crouse, Don Farr, Clark Headrick, Nancy Platkin

**Directors absent:** Leslie Townsend

With a quorum of Directors established, President Henry Bausback called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Guest(s)**: Ceci Wooster

**Approval of the Minutes** **for the March 6th, 2025 Board of Directors meeting**:

* Kate moved, Kevin seconded to approve.
* All members voted to approve the minutes. None opposed.

**Treasurer’s Report and Membership for the month and year-to-date ending March 31st, 2025**

Profit and Loss Statement and Balance were distributed by email prior to the meeting.

* YTD total income: $ 3,259.00
* YTD total expenses: $ 3,708.07
* YTD net income: $ 449.00
* March total expenses: $ 849.43
* March total income: $ 1,919.00
* March net income: $ 1,069.57
* Membership totals: 170

Matt and Henry will work on the form that has to be filed for the Department of Agriculture and Consumer services. (We are a qualified charitable organization, and allows us to accept charitable donations).

Discussion was raised by Kevin Spence on the fact that the last 3 years the balance (budget) has been operating at a deficit, approximately $3,000. per year. There are several costs that cannot be removed, such as insurance, fees for the organization. In order to be operating in the black we need to have 400 paying members a year.

Matt is still needing some login information for several services that go to the treasurer.

Richard moved to accept the treasurer’s report, all members in favor.

**Committee Reports**

**Beautification/Greenspace Update** (Jack Wooster) He will be gone May and June. He has $400 left in his budget. Jack has donated equal amounts to his budget ($2,500). Jack has already recognized the change in membership and how it effects the IBSSA funds. He has plotted the membership on the neighborhood map that shows what households have paid this year. Also created a business card to hand out to neighbors to try to increase membership.

Presented the layout of the notice board, with an additional box that can have flyers or handouts that are for specific events. One for Sapphire Shores Park and one for Indian Beach.

**Membership Committee: (**Nancy Platkin) We have 170 members for 2025.

This lags behind last year, and I will send an email to the 2024 members who have not renewed.

Here is a list of members who are willing to volunteer:

-Maryann P. Armour for Greenspace. merseakes@hotmail.com

(941)780-3233

-Kirsten Suder for Greenspace and Picnics/ Special Events

krstndr@yahoo.com (203)231-8276

-Phillip Chiocchio for Greenspace chiocchio@me.com

(941) 780-7541

-Rita Mann for Greenspace weymanda@gmail.com

(303) 725-7333

-Daniel Hamburger for Hegner and Greenspace

dmhamburger18@gmail.com (630)-862-6900

-Lisa Morris for Neighborhood watch & Picnic/ Special Events

lhrmorris@gmail.com (941) 544-3332

-Geraldine(Geri) Parth for Membership ms.gerilyn@gmail.com

(941) 250-6443

-Bret Lageson for Membership bretproperties@gmail.com

(941) 961-0918

-Annie Stanford for Newsletter articles and securing ads

astanford@depaul.edu (773) 750-8888

**Events Committee**: (Jacqueline Crouse) Spring Social Debrief. Great success! New ideas to increase involvement: Jacqueline has followed up with all the businesses that participated in the Social. The restaurants would like us to leave reviews. Keep monthly events at restaurants, etc. The idea of having neighborhood captains was discussed and may be revisited.

**Signs** (Leslie Townsend) Signs for Semi-Annual Meeting (Can be posted April 22)

**CCNA: (**Kevin Spence) Update on the plans for the Sarasota Performing Arts Center. Orchestra, Players, etc. The city is looking for $1,000,000 to help with planning for these new projects.

**Land Use Committee:** (Kevin Spence): There was a presentation by Akoya, they will break ground once 50% of units sell. There is no definite start date.

The dealership will remove the barbed wire in 3 months once they are open.

The city offers no protection for trees that are planted and create a canopy if they are in the right of way. The county has a better program. Regarding why Sapphire Shores park was not yet repaired. The city is contracting with a company to get repairs completed. Will be several years before completion.

Brywill residents are still complaining about drainage.

 **1.**LUC hosted a presentation by Akoya representatives**-**Dyrk Dahl (sales mgr.) , Kace King (owner/developer).  Groundbreaking will not begin until 50% are sold.   Projected start in late Summer 2025, 14-16 months to complete.

2. Auto Showroom @ 47th & Tamiami- barbed wire, non-approved by code, was used. Kevin will reach out to the owner to ask for correction before reporting the violation to the city.

3. Canopy Tree program follow up by Kate Johnston-  City Canopy offers NO additional protection. Kate recommends the City change their program to match the County's which does offer protection.

4. Richard Parlato reports both Indian Beach park and Sapphire Shores park repairs are Milton FEMA projects and thus on a slow track.

**Neighborhood Watch Report : (**Kate Bloomquist/Debbie Muller) Reported incidents:

3/28/25-Auto burglary, 3800 block Chapel Dr. occurred overnight (3/27) to early am (3/28). Keys taken (with air tag) but traced to 17th St. and found on the side of the road.

3/28/25-Auto burglary, 900 block Highland Ave. occurred during same time frame as previous, nothing taken, glove box open.

3/17/25-Residential burglary, 900 block 32 St. 6:56 am, victim could not find purse, possible suspect is a known female.

\*(Note) Vague information about these burglaries-not known if vehicles or house were broken into or if fingerprints were taken.

-Police have responded repeatedly to 3 addresses in the 800 block of 41st St.

1. Dispute between neighbors
2. Vehicles vandalized and criminal mischief by known suspect (ex-roommate of victim)
3. Dogs running loose (latest on 4/1at pm) Also illegal drug activity is suspected in the area.

Not so good news:There is a growing concern regarding numerous potential (or perhaps probable) problem properties in our neighborhood. Owners bear full responsibility for maintaining their properties. Owners (landlords, management companies and occupants also) are accountable if a house or any property is a haven for illicit activity and criminals whether owner-occupied, rented or vacant. Any locations where suspicious activity is occurring should be reported to the police.

Very good news:Our wonderful, caring observant neighbors reports suspicious persons, vehicles and situations to the police daily. Just as important, neighbors alert one another of these potentially dangerous situations. Thanks to all for participating in your Neighborhood Watch.

Longtime residents Dale and Beverly Rodgers will be Sapphire II (47th St to Myrtle) Neighborhood Watch Coordinators!

National Night Out Tuesday April 15, 5:30-8:00. SPD Headquarters 2099 Adams Lane. This is a free event that promotes police-community partnerships.

**Website Redesign**: (Henry Bausback/Kate Bloomquist) The new website is online and open to the public. Looking for suggestions to make improvements, also need to have the PayPal and form options working.

**Old Business:** Proposal to amend the bylaws regarding expenditures over $500. Shelley will email the language to the BoD and we can do an e-vote. (Richard Parlato/Shelley Watson) Open board position- one more director needed and job description (Shelley W/Kate B)

**New Business:** Approval of new directors and officers, insurance policy (Richard Parlato)

Proposal from LUC to offer free ¼ page ad to all newly opened businesses w/in IBSSA footprint

Speaker for May meeting- Henry will work on ideas and is open to suggestions.

Discussion on local businesses being offered to join for $100. How can we get business sponsors? Further discussion will follow.

**Member/Guest Comments**: Ceci Wooster proposed having team captains. It would have to be organized by neighborhood areas. Captains will know (1) who moved in, (2)who is or is not a member, (3) agents of communication, and (4) perhaps hand out information about block party events, etc.

**Upcoming Events in 2025:**

Next Board of Directors Meeting May 1, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., LOTW Church

Semi-Annual Meeting Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 7:00 pm, LOTW Church

Don moved and Nancy seconded to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned 8:50 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kate Bloomquist

Recorder