

City of Coral Gables
Meeting Minutes
Senior Citizens Advisory Board

405 Biltmore Way
Coral Gables, FL 33134
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Thursday, December 7, 2017

5:00 PM

The Board meets the first Thursday of
each month.
Coral Gables AAC, 2 Andalusia Ave,
Coral Gables, FL 33134

CALL TO ORDER

@ 5:04 PM

ROLL CALL

All present. Joan has an excused absence

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes by Jane approved by all.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Hendricks Woods accepted nomination of Vice Chair.

AAC COORDINATOR REPORT

2018 Winter Newsletter will be distributed on Thursday, December 8. The Newsletter has a new design similar to the City of Coral Gables City Guide. The newsletter includes many new sessions that include French drama, new levels of Spanish, English classes, additional fitness classes and Spanish Current events.

The AAC has 40 volunteer led programs which help defer the cost for classes. Classes are taught by high caliber certified teachers. The AAC has added 18 new programs in the last 5 months.

There will be a book signing event by author, wine connoisseur, Patrick Alexander on December 8 from 6 – 7:30 PM

Commissioner Lago Town Hall meeting scheduled for December 12.

The annual Holiday celebration is scheduled for December 15. The AAC will be collecting Toys for Tots. Special entertainment by Tenor, Gerardo Ortega and the presentation of gifts to all volunteers. The Palace will provide a buffet style dinner.

Last 2017 Rising Stars concert is scheduled for Dec 21 at 6:00 PM. Holiday music performed by Rising Stars.

The AAC is excited to be moving to a new registration system called RECTRAC. Registration will start on December 18th for residents and on December 26th for non-residents.

Other Miscellaneous items:

Jane discussed the original purpose for the AAC Advisory Board which includes identifying issues impacting City of Coral Gables Senior community and to offer recommendations to City Commissioners.

Jim Berlin summarized the results of the surveys that were given to both, AAC participants and those from the Fire Department's Satisfaction Survey as follows:

Range in Age was between 72 – 95

Key concerns were safety, transportation and traffic mobility

Respondents commented that they were satisfy w/ housing and healthcare

Hendricks complimented the Transportation Seminar that he attended at the

AAC that was presented by Ying Pestien.

Fabien told the Board that he plans to invite a Miami Dade Transit representative to discuss the Golden Passport Program. The AAAC will continue to offer Transportation Seminars on a regular basis. Fabien will ask Ying Pestien to do a Transportation Seminar to the Board members.

THEATER GROUP UPDATE

Fabien gave an update regarding the Theater group on behalf of Joan. The Evita performance was well attended with 31 people. The show was performed in Spanish and English. Fabien will meet with Joan to discuss options regarding discounts for tickets at a lower rate.

RECTRAC DEMO - New Registration

Fabien demonstrated the new web based Registration system.

SELECT MEMBER- AT- LARGE

Selection will be postponed until the next meeting.

ITEMS FROM SECRETARY

Next meeting scheduled for January 4th at 5 PM

ADJOURNMENT

@ 6:17 PM