



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
July 22, 2014**

ITEM TITLE:

Coral Gables Merrick House Governing Board meeting of May 19, 2014.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- None

EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT:

- None

HOUSE REPORT: April 2014 House activity:

- Total visitors in April: 19 adults, 9 seniors, 10 students, 1 youth, 1 child, plus 22 St. Philip's School students who toured April 16th with Ms. Yusko.
- Trust Fund balance: \$20, 629.17 (expenditure account); \$413 (revenue account)
- Rental request: Mr. Sando, President-Elect of the Coral Gables Bar Association requested rental of the porch and a portion of the grounds for the Association's October 4, 2014 annual installation dinner/cocktail reception event from 7 to 11 p.m., to be attended by approximately 100 people. The event would be catered, a tent would be erected on the grounds in case of inclement weather, and a three-piece group would provide background music. Part of the plan for the evening is to have either a Board member or staff provide a 10-minute presentation about Merrick House. As issues were discussed, consensus was reached that Venetian Pool would be a better location for the event. Mr. Sando agreed to research the Venetian Pool as a venue, and asked if the Board would consider allowing the Association to conduct one of its late afternoon networking events at the House at a future date.

A motion was made and seconded to offer the Association an opportunity to conduct one of its networking events as described, and to decline the October 4th installation event.
(*Unanimously passed*)

A motion was made and seconded to change the ending time for House outdoor events to no later than 10 p.m. (*Unanimously passed*)

- Roxcy O'Neal Bolton Fund for exterior maintenance: \$4,940.00 (unchanged)

OLD BUSINESS: Coral Gables Community Foundation; Painting Restoration / Villager's Grant; Docent Recruitment Flyer; House Assessment; Twilight Hamper Picnic / Pat Clarke Proposal

A motion was made and seconded to place funds remaining from SOTPWG events (approximately \$700) in the Trust Fund. (*Unanimously passed*)

NEW BUSINESS: South Miami Garden Club Tour; Persian Rug – Runner; 2016 Gala – House Fundraiser; Events Committee Meeting

A motion was made and seconded to approve cleaning and restoration of the rug by Hilliard as proposed. (*Unanimously passed*)

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Minutes of Coral Gables Merrick House Governing Board meeting of May 19, 2014.