

Florida State Winnie Gators, Inc. – General Membership Meeting
Lee County Civic Center, Ft Myers FL
January 16, 2010

Nancy Miller, President, called the meeting to order at 10:05am, leading in the Pledge of Allegiance. Shirley Halstead had the invocation.

Nancy welcomed all members, chapter presidents, officers and guests. Guests were Leland and Julia Brand and Bob and Amy Pointer.

Nancy announced that attendance at the state meeting is 52 coaches, representing 7 chapters.

Nancy introduced the officers:

- Joe and Ann Loudenslager, 1st Vice Presidents
- Cliff and Ree Spiller (in absentia), 2nd Vice Presidents
- Kathryn Griffin, Secretary
- Jerry Miller, Treasurer
- Linda and Dan Tuzzolo, Directors

It was moved by Ted Fumia and seconded by Dan Tuzzolo that the minutes of the October 2009 meeting be approved as presented; the motion passed unanimously. Kathryn reminded attendees that the minutes were published on our website and hard copy available for inspection if desired.

Jerry gave the highlights of the Treasurer's Report for the Year 2009; copies were available for inspection if any one wanted to review it. Nancy indicated that the report would be filed for audit; the audit will be done by Walter Feldgoise and Ted Fumia following this meeting. A copy of the Treasurer's Report will be attached to these minutes.

Old business:

- Linda Tuzzolo presented the slate of officers as presented by the Nominating Committee:

- Nancy Miller – President
- Joe and Ann Loudenslager – 1st Vice Presidents
- Ted and Janis Fumia – 2nd Vice Presidents
- Kathryn Griffin – Secretary
- Jerry Miller – Treasurer

There were no nominations from the floor. Shirley Halstead moved and Lois Hogan seconded that the slate be elected by acclamation. Motion passed unanimously.

- March Rally:

- Nancy went through all the particulars for the rally.
- No one will be allowed in the fairgrounds prior to Tuesday with the possible exception of the parkers, greeters, registration, and decorators.
- Goody bag donations must be received by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, March 9.

- Each chapter has been furnished with instructions for their particular jobs and all are well informed of their duties. Chapters were reminded to bring baskets for Friendship Walk and for Door Prizes.
- All participants are encouraged to wear something red on Friday to honor our military and to wear tropical attire for the Row Party on Thursday.
- Reminder that coaches must pay for any extra nights; we have to pay the fairgrounds.

New business:

- GNR Theme for 2010 is "Hollywood Legends, Dead or Alive"
 - Dates July 18-23 with pre-week events beginning July 11.
 - Tent at the head of row for happy hour each evening.
 - Parade float for the Puckerbrush Parade on July 17 (need volunteers for design and assembly)
 - Florida dinner at Branding Iron, Monday, July 12 (prime rib specialty)
 - Florida Fling at Dick's Restaurant, Saturday, July 17.
 - Pot luck dinners at head of row
 - Row Party on Tuesday, July 20 – the biggest and best! (Raffles at the January and May State Meetings help to pay for the expenses at GNR such as the Row Party)
 - Need to be watching for lots of decorations for tent and row with the Hollywood theme.
- Chapter of Excellence forms will be distributed soon. Please complete the form, attach a current roster and send to Nancy by 5/1. If you don't receive one, let Nancy know.

Announcements:

- Darwin and Judy Michielson and Kathryn Griffin were both announced as owners of new coaches; the Michielsons have a new Journey and Kathryn, a new Via.
- Everyone was reminded that dues are due and that Kathryn is happy to accept renewals following the meeting.
- Future camp outs:
 - 3/11-14, 2010 – Central Florida Fairgrounds – State Rally
 - 5/14-16, 2010 – Southern Palms Resort, Eustis FL
 - 7/11-17, 2010 – Pre-week at GNR, Forest City IA
 - 7/18-23, 2010 – GNR, Forest City IA
 - 10/15-17, 2010 – Torrey Oaks RV Park, Bowling Green FL
 - 1/14-16/2010 – Wekiva Falls RV Park, Sanford FL
- Reminder to check the Winnie Gators website (www.winniegators.org) often
- Camping World in Ft Myers is hosting "Rally Days" for anyone interested in attending; open to all recreational vehicles.
- Donna Rumrill has been hospitalized in New Mexico but is recuperating nicely.
- Georgia State Rally is April 22-25 with early days on the 20th and 21st. All are encourage to attend.

After thanks to everyone for attending, special thanks for all who helped and a round of applause for Rainbow Caterers, Mike Sofarelli moved that the meeting be adjourned; Shirley Halstead seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Nancy adjourned the meeting at 11:05am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Griffin
Secretary