General Membership Meeting – December 4, 2019

President Ralph Madonna called the meeting to order at 6:35pm and welcomed members and guests to our meeting.

Secretary Jennie Colianni took the role. Ralph Madonna, Phil Madonia, Eugene D'Onofrio, Jennie Colianni, Rose Conti, Addy Milano, Barbara DeRosa, and Dorothy Litras were present. Marge Buetow was excused

Ralph reminded members and guest to get their 50/50 tickets and sign up for tonight's door prize.

Eugene D'Onofrio led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer Report

Gene D'Onofrio reported that our checking account balance was \$9222 as of today. He said the balance reflects over \$6000 in deposits for upcoming events. He reported that as of today we have no outstanding bills. He added that we now have 264 paid members and are somewhat ahead of last year at this time. We are hoping to get close to 300 members. He added that membership is the life blood of the club. A motion was made to accept the report. Motion was second. Motion passed to approve report as presented.

Ralph added that his goal as president is to get our membership to 300 and asked the members to help reach that goal by asking their friends and neighbors to come and see what we are all about.

Secretary Report

Jennie Colianni reported that the board has unanimously approved the minutes of the last meeting and said they will be posted on our website. She said there are new flyers in the back of the hall for our Winter Ball and Sale e Pepe luncheon.

Dorrie Madonna interviewed several new members and prospective members.

Upcoming events were reviewed at this time.

Our Christmas Dinner Dance is on Sunday, December 8 at Hilton Marco Island Resort. Charlie Pineno said that there is still time to sign up.

Phil Madonia reported that Monday, January 6 will start our afternoon Bocce at 12:30pm He added that Lauren and Peter will be here for opening day.

Phil reported that our Christmas Parade is Saturday, December 14 and said that we do have two golf carts for 10 members who cannot walk in the parade! He asked members to sign up for the parade and for the carts tonight. Phil asked for volunteers to shuttle our members to the parade site. Four members volunteered. The after parade party this year will be at Vintage Bay.

Ralph reported that our next meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2020!

Iolanda Scola said that twilight bocce begins on Friday, January 10 at 6pm.

Ralph reported that the next couples golf will be on Sunday, January 19.

Dorrie said that we already have over 60 members going to the Hard Rock Casino on Thursday, January 23 leaving at 7:30am. She said that since we have exceeded 60 we will be starting a second bus. She urged members to sign up. The cost is \$40 and you will get \$20 back in play.

Tina DiBiase reported that Bye Bye Birdie will be on March 29 in Naples. Flyers will be available at the next meeting and on the website.

Carol Lindstrom said that she will be picking up tickets for the opera for those members who have signed up. She will then distribute them. The opera is on Saturday, February 1 and is sold out.

Ralph said that our Winter Ball is Sunday, February 9 at the Yacht Club. He urged members to get the flyers in the back of the hall this evening.

Ralph announced that we have signed up for baseball again this year. Ralph reported that Fred Lizzi purchased 38 tickets for March 21 Yankees versus Minnesota Twins at \$28 per person.

Ralph invited everyone to join in a worship celebration of this year's ecumenical community Christmas Cantata "Morning Star" on December 15 at 3pm at San Marco Church.

Joyce Imbrogno asked fellow members to pick the winners of tonight's 50/50 and the door prize. She thanked everyone for their donation of sneakers for Laces of Love. She reminded members of a fund raiser for Sunlight Home at their home on Sunday, February 23 from 4-7pm.

Ralph presented the program for the evening which included several videos on what Christmas is like in Italy.

A motion was made and second to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jennie Colianni Secretary