

FRIENDS OF THE FORT MYERS BEACH LIBRARY

Annual Meeting

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

Betty Simpson welcomed nearly 80 Friends and guests to the Annual Meeting at 1:38 p.m. and announced that the speaker, Kaye Molnar was under the weather, but she sent a team to replace her. Betty then introduced Jim Molnar, who identified the other members of the team, TY Lin, engineer for Segment 1, Rob Phelan from the Lee County Department of Transportation, and Darren Brown, construction manager. Town Manager Jim Steele also was present. Mr. Molnar began with a power-point presentation covering the *reFRESH Estero Boulevard* project. The main consideration in approaching the project was the more than 20 utility conduits under the road, some with no documented location. He explained that if the traditional crowned roadway, with water flowing to the edge and removed through curb drains, was not practical because all the conduits would have to be moved. Additionally, since Estero Blvd. is not at a level grade, it would require building up the lower areas to achieve a consistent grade.

Given these circumstances the engineer recommended an inverted-crowned road. With this design the water flows to the center of the road where it will drain through the pervious pavers and the underlying rocks and gravel, which also filters the water, into a pipe that eventually carries the water to Estero Bay through existing weirs. Mr. Molnar was interrupted with questions from the audience members that continued throughout the remainder of his presentation. The other members of the team participated and spoke to specific issues in their areas of responsibility for some questions.

Betty Simpson called the business meeting to order. She introduced the members of the Friends and Library boards who were attending. George Ballantyne, a new member of the Library Board, introduced himself to the group. Since Lorrie Wolf had served as the liaison between the boards, Betty asked him if he would consider serving in that function if it is agreeable to the Library Board.

The minutes from the 2016 annual meeting were approved as submitted. Treasurer **Pat Smith** presented the 2016 annual financial report that showed the total income for 2016 was \$17,022.95 and total expenses was \$17,769.85, including a \$14,000 contribution to the library. The treasurer's report was approved as submitted. **Cherie Smith** summarized the Friends' activities during the past year. She also reported on the 2017 membership drive that will be held during season. **Jan Fleming** reported that the bookstore was now fully staffed and would be open Monday through Saturday until the end of season.

Leroy Hommerding conducted the election, by presenting the nominations for 2017:

Officers

- President: Betty Simpson
- Vice President: Cherie Smith
- Secretary: Suzy Katt
- Treasurer: Pat Smith

Directors

- Johanna Campbell
- Judy FitzSimons
- Jan Fleming

Committee chairs

- Jan Fleming (Bookstore)
- Warren Richardson (Membership)

Hearing no nominations from the floor, he called for the vote and the slate was elected unanimously.

Following the election **Betty** thanked Lorrie Wolf for her service as the liaison to the Library Board and **Betsy Mangan** for serving on the board for 12 years and as Secretary for 10 years

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Betsy Mangan