

LEMONWOOD

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HOMEOWNERS MEETING MINUTES — April 1, 2025

Mike called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm. Residents in attendance: 16

Board members in attendance: Mike StaffordCrane (Chair), Carla Thompson (Vice-Chair), Tim Belton (Member-at-Large), Beverly Mason (Secretary), Phyllis White (Treasurer), and Norma Nick Taylor (Member-at-Large).

Treasurer's Report (Phyllis): March 1 through 31, 2025

February 28, 2025: BALANCE	\$10,558.34
Income: John O'Neal (Recycling)	\$393.00
Expenses: Elizabeth Perham (Cards)	\$12.39
March 31, 2025: BALANCE	\$10,938.95
ACCOUNTS:	
Checking	\$10,333.95
Legal Fund	\$600.00
Savings	\$5.00
March 31, 2025: BALANCE	\$10,938.95

Committee Reports:

- Welcomer's Report (Roberta absent): No report.
- Sunshine Ladies (Adriane and Elizabeth):
 - Elizabeth reported that two "Sympathy" and five "Get Well" cards were distributed.
- Management (Norma):
 - Doggy bags are provided at no charge to residents — as an "added bonus."
 - The bags are lighter due to budgetary restraints.
 - Sun has hired someone to inspect the blacktop
 - Pool repairs are upcoming.
- Social Committee (Eveline and Hazel were absent) Ginny gave the report:
 - The Baked Potato Bar in March was "awesome," according to Ralph.
 - No events are scheduled for April.
 - Duck Derby: Saturday, May 3, from noon–4 pm
 - Free Hot Dog Lunch
 - Hat Contest
 - Duck Races
 - An Ice Cream Social is in the works for June.
- VMRC Report (Ralph):
 - The March 26 meeting was held at Buenaventura Mobile Home Park.
 - They desperately need more attendees.
 - Next meeting: 2pm on Wednesday, April 23 at Ventura Marina Mobile Home Park.
- Emergency Response (Mike):
 - We are still waiting for a report from the Quadrant leaders to let us know their progress.
- Speakers Committee (Mike and Carla):
 - Pam from Sun Communities will hopefully be speaking at the May meeting.
 - Please submit your questions ahead of time.
 - Neighborhood Watch: The Board will be requesting a detailed presentation from the VPD.
- Movie Matinee (Gina):
 - Friday, April 4 at 2pm / Popcorn provided. Bring your own beverage.

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- The film is “**Bird Cage**” with Robin Williams — Read all about it in the newsletter and on the poster in the clubhouse.

Presentation by Paragon Paragon, Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post #1679:

- Paragon is a Ventura native, a certified medic and an ordained Buddhist monk, who taught medical school for the Dept. of Defense for 11 years. In addition to his efforts at the VFW, he volunteers in local schools and tries to steer graduates towards a career in the Navy.
- He is currently running for City Council.
 - Interesting fact about Cemetery Park: 300 veterans are still buried there, but the City took down the gravestones in 1964 and turned the cemetery into a dog park. Paragon would like to pass a resolution to prevent this from happening again.
- About the VFW:
 - Service in direct combat is the qualification for membership.
 - Their mission:
 - Support and share love with Veterans.
 - Transition veterans from the military to careers and/or volunteer organizations.
 - Maintain a voice in Washington for Veterans’ programs, funding, etc.
 - Membership is diminishing:
 - Existing members are aging out and hand-to-hand combat has been greatly reduced.
 - They are reaching out to the community to increase membership.
 - How can we support the Ventura VFW?
 - Go to their website at vfw1679.org to see how you can help:
 - Check out the calendar of upcoming events and annual holidays that are observed.
 - Several programs (including one for Youth) need help and donations.
 - The Auxiliary (family members of Veterans – previously called the Women’s Auxiliary) has helped support the VFW since 1897.
 - They reach out to the community and organize events/fundraisers.
 - Visit the VFW at 3801 Market Street in downtown Ventura:
 - The ambiance is welcoming, the company is friendly, and the drinks are very affordable!
 - Dinner every Friday at 5:30pm and brunch every Sunday:
 - \$15-\$20
 - Open to the public and to guests of members.

Old Business:

- Suggestion to send annual “thank-you” gift cards for John (Recycling) and Kevin (Library):
 - The Board did not have a quorum to vote on this at the last meeting.

New Business:

- Newsletter: Gina reported that the current publisher is no longer delivering hard copies in Ventura, so the newsletter will be delivered as a PDF attachment via email (starting in May).
 - Beverly will also post the newsletter on our community website at lemonwoodhomeowners.com.

Raffle drawing: Congrats to the \$20 winner: Elizabeth Perham.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Upcoming meetings: May 6, June 3 and July 1 at 4:30pm.