

Florida State Winnie Gators, Inc. – General Membership Meeting
Central Florida Fairgrounds, Orlando, FL
March 8, 2009

Nancy Miller, President, called the meeting to order at 10:07 am, leading in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. Jerry Miller had the invocation.

The President welcomed all attendees and thanked them for their attendance.

Nancy introduced the new slate of officers:

Joe and Ann Loudenslager, 1st Vice Presidents

Cliff and Ree Spiller, 2nd Vice Presidents

Kathryn Griffin, Secretary

Jerry Miller, Treasurer

Linda and Dan Tuzzolo, Directors

The chapter presidents in attendance stood and introduced themselves.

Nancy then welcomed Doug and Pat Formanek, WIT Club President, and Dick and Mikki Dodge, Eastern Area Reps, and thanked them for their help.

Shirley Halstead moved that we forego reading the minutes of the last meeting; it was seconded by Ed Tyndall and approved unanimously.

Jerry gave the Treasurer's Report indicating that we had a better bank balance than he had anticipated. He will have final figures for the rally at the May meeting. Jerry also shared that Camping World RV Sales in Fort Myers made a cash contribution to the club at the January meeting as well as having some coaches on display which helped in our having a positive cash flow for that meeting. The manager of Camping World, Ft Myers, has invited everyone to spend 4/21 and 4/22 as their guests, furnishing food and entertainment. Jerry reported that there re several items in the lost and found department and a picture of those items will be placed on the web site. Nancy indicated that the report would be filed for audit. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

In her President's Report, Nancy thanked everyone for all the help at the rally; she indicated final numbers would be available at the May meeting but that it was successful and that everyone seemed to have had a good time. She announced that many of the events will be included in next years rally, i.e. T-shirts, Mystery Persons, and craft projects by chapters for goody bags.

Old Business

Nancy recognized the chapters/individuals that were primarily responsible for the various activities and thanked them for their efforts. At the May meeting, the final reports will be presented and Nancy asked for suggestions/comments in writing prior to that meeting so that the Board might make a constructive evaluation of the rally.

New Business

- Military Care Packages flyer was distributed and Nancy asked that as many chapters as possible participate in this project at their April meetings.
- Rally dates for next year are March 11 – March 14, 2010; the Du-Bol Winnies announced that the theme will be “Welcome to Bago Bago Island.”
- The May meeting dates are May 15 – 17 at Rally Park and a flyer for the event was handed out. Nancy announced some of the events for that meeting – Toilet Tissue Olympics and a flea market. The vote on our charity for this year will be made at that meeting; Nancy asked that everyone bring suggestions.
- She also announced the dates for our next meetings as 10/16-18 at Sun-n-Fun and 1/15-17 at Lee Civic Center. With respect to the meeting at the Lee Civic Center, she assured everyone that Rainbow Catering will be coming to Fort Myers to cook for us and apologized for the quality of food at the last meeting held there.
- GNR is July 19 – July 24 and the theme is “WITSTOCK”. Nancy encouraged everyone to have lots of decorations so that we might be in contention for the traveling plaque and monetary award for best dressed state row. This year is the 40th Anniversary of Woodstock and the 50th Anniversary of the peace symbol. We will make final plans at the May meeting; events already in the planning stage are pre-week beginning July 10th; party and dinner at Dick’s Restaurant on Saturday, July 18th; and dinner Branding Iron on Monday, July 13th (prime rib special). Nancy asked for volunteers to coordinate a bean bag baseball team.

Nancy thanked Linda and Dan, Louise and John, Char and Terry, Ree and Cliff and Jerry for their outstanding service to Winnie Gators the past two years and for all the preparation for this rally. She reminded us that the success of the rally depended on the organization, people getting involved and everyone working together to make it happen! She knows that she has big shoes to fill and that her goal is to “keep moving forward.”

Nancy’s closing comment – “Life isn’t about waiting for the storm to pass, it’s about learning to dance in the rain!”

Jack Caffrey moved that the meeting be adjourned and Ed Tyndall seconded the motion. It carried unanimously. Nancy adjourned the meeting at 10:32am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Griffin
Secretary