

FLORIDA GULF COAST COUPLES

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Annual Meeting
Held at Francis House, Tampa
January 28, 2007

Board Members Present

Dale/Ron, Chair; Janet/Katy, Events; Larry/Francisco, Internet; Jeanne/Kitty, Media; Pam/Diane, Member Services. Absent: Bill/Max, Vice Chair.

Membership Present

Bruce, Deb/Dani, Mike/Jim, Lee/Bob, Ed/Glenn, Jim/Bill, Andy (of Eddie), Gio/Dennis, Brenda/Karen, Tom/Steve, Brent/Scott.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Dale (of Ron) presided for the Chair Couple. He first welcomed the membership to the Annual Meeting and offered the floor to the outgoing Director of the Francis House, Greg Johnson, who welcomed the FGCC members to the Francis House and expressed his appreciation for the FGCC's generosity toward, and interest in, the Francis House. He reported that Joy Winheim has been named as Interim Director and relayed her interest in continuing Francis House's relationship with the FGCC.

The Chair then reported that the Vice Chair Couple (Max and Bill) would not be attending because of health and other issues and that they had tendered their resignation from the Board of Directors. Max and Bill were presented with the "Couple of the Year" award the previous day to recognize their service to the FGCC and their significant contribution to the largest fund-raiser in the history of the organization. At their request, he also relayed Max and Bill's appreciation to the group for the award.

Call to Order

The Chair called the Annual Meeting to order at 2:04 p.m., noting that 32 individual members were present representing a quorum in accordance with the FGCC Bylaws.

Minutes of the January 15, 2006, Annual Meeting

The Chair called for a motion to accept and approve the minutes of the last Annual Meeting. It was so moved and seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Old Business

The Chair reported that:

1. The 10th Anniversary Dinner Dance will be held at the Radisson Bay Harbor Hotel, on the Courtney Campbell Causeway, in Tampa, on Saturday, May 5, at 6:30 p.m. Karen (of Brenda) gave an oral report on the Planning Committee's plans to date which include a cocktail hour, sit-down dinner, music for entertainment and dancing, and a silent auction. Members were encouraged to hold the date on their calendars and to stay tuned to the Calendar of Events on the FGCC website where the specifics will be posted as they are set.
2. At its September 2006 meeting, the FGCC Board approved the establishment of a *Trustee Couple* position to maintain an ongoing central repository for all information pertaining to the legal, financial, and access information for the FGCC (see the FGCC website for additional information about the new position). The new Board of Directors (elected at this meeting) will have responsibility for appointing the new Trustee Couple.

New Business

2006 Operating Board Reports

Each of the Board Couples had prepared written annual reports which were distributed with the meeting agenda to those in attendance. After discussion of the reports, the Chair called for a motion to accept and approve the reports. It was so moved and seconded, and the reports were approved unanimously.

Proposed Budget for 2007

The proposed budget was introduced and it was noted that it provides a rough idea of the anticipated expenditures for 2007 based on experience and history. The budget will be modified as necessary as the year progresses. Not included in the budget are anticipated expenses associated with the 10th Anniversary Dinner Dance. It is hoped by the Dinner Dance Planning Committee and the Board that the celebration can be self-financed by various fund-raisers planned before and at the event and by ticket sales. The goal is to keep the cost of the tickets as low as feasibly possible. The Chair called for a motion to accept and approve the 2007 budget. It was so moved and seconded, and the 2007 budget was approved unanimously.

Reorganization of the COUPLES National Network, Inc.

The Chair brought the membership up to date on the reorganization of the National Network:

- The Chair Couple were on a cruise with Network members together with nine other couples. Spirits remain high and optimism continues.

- Financial issues – problems with checks being cashed and deposited, invoices for national dues from the affiliates, etc. – are moving toward resolution. The dues for individual affiliate members will be reduced to \$5.00 per year.
- A restructuring of the National Board is under way – revision of Bylaws, reducing the size of the Board, future National Board Meetings will no longer be held annually, meetings will likely be teleconferences, and “delegate couples” will no longer be designated for attendance.
- National will continue to act as a corporate shelter for affiliate groups, including appropriate non-profit tax status.
- The outgoing Chair Couple will continue working with the National Network in an advisory capacity including assisting with a re-write of National’s Bylaws.

Election of Operating Board Member Couples

The slate of nominated candidates for election to the Board of Directors was then presented by the Chair who invited additional nominations from the floor. There being no additional nominations, he called for a motion to accept and approve the nominated candidates for election to the Board. It was so moved and seconded, and the following Board Members were approved unanimously:

BOARD POSITION	ELECTED COUPLE	TERM OF OFFICE
Chair Couple	Janet and Katy	2 years
Vice Chair Couple	Ed and Glenn	1 year
Events Couple	Dennis and Gio	1 year
Finance Couple	Deb and Dani	1 year
Internet Services Couple	Larry and Francisco	1 year
Media Couple	Laurie and Amy	2 years
Member Services Couple	Brent and Scott	2 years

Expressions of gratitude were expressed from the floor for the dedication and hard work of the outgoing Board Members.

Adjournment

There being no further new business, the Chair adjourned the Annual Meeting at 2:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ed and Glenn, Vice Chair Couple

NOTE:

The newly elected Board Members met briefly at 2:55 p.m. to have their pictures taken for the FGCC Newsletter and to discuss various transition issues. The first regular meeting of the new Board was scheduled for Saturday, February 3, at 7:00 p.m., at the home of the new Chair Couple, Janet and Katy, in Clearwater.