

**MINUTES OF THE SVCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2008 IN THE ROTUNDA
OPEN SESSION: 5:00 P.M.**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Russ Harlan, President
Chuck McGroddy, Vice President
Calece Cass-Healy, Treasurer
Mac Carter
Curtis Casey
Barbara Audley
Ben Brigham
Laura Weide
Dee Spreitzer, N&E Representative

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Penny Carter
Lance Hillengas, Alternate
Lisa Jackson
Leah Keefer
Dan Marantette, Alternate
Earl Settlemyer
Jessica Staten

EXCUSED ABSENCES:

Naomi Bunis, Secretary
John Bordon, ACC Representative

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Dave Wareing, General Manager
Andy Schwartz, Interim Controller
Carole Edrehi, Admin. Support

COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

I. OPEN SESSION:

II. CALL TO ORDER:

As President Russ Harlan was a few minutes late, VP Chuck McGroddy called the meeting to order and stated that the purpose of the joint meeting is for the Finance Committee to have questions answered by the Board regarding the Budget for 2007. Then he passed the gavel to Calece Cass-Healy, Chair of the Finance Committee to chair the meeting.

III. ROLL CALL:

Vice President McGroddy noted the excused absence of Naomi Bunis, Secretary, and John Gordon, ACC Representative.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS - NONEV. BOARD & FINANCE MEMBER COMMENTS:

Calece Cass-Healy, Chair of the Finance Committee, thanked the Board for agreeing to meet on short notice. She stated that the Committee had many unanswered questions after they met to review the 2007 Status Quo Budget; particularly what supportable causes might be for an increase in membership dues, and how to determine what justifiable amounts would be acceptable to the residents? The Committee did not feel that they had a solid place to start for determining how to find what the agreeable number for the dues increase would be, therefore, they needed more information and time to do their due diligence.

VI. PROPERTY OWNER COMMENTS:

Rebecca Gonnella, 168 Polo Park Drive, asked that the Board consider that the many SVCA volunteer mothers that she represents have donated a lot to develop, build and operate the Yellow Room for children at the Recreation Center. Families feel proud and blessed to have the Yellow Room for childcare to use for a break, to go to the gym and use other facilities. There are about 25 to 30 SVCA mothers who were initially charged no fee to use the facilities, however recently there is a \$2.00 fee for adults and \$2.00 fee for toddlers each which adds up considerably for one income families to pay when they normally use it 4 to 5 times a week. There is a strong sense of pride in families that live and volunteer here and the mothers would be very happy to continue taking the responsibility to operate and maintain the Yellow Room on a trial period to make the space available free to all rather than have to pay for the Recreation Department Staff supervising it for a fee. Please consider this offer because it could greatly effect using the Yellow Room by families, as well as their moral. Also, please consider one income families when determining any increased dues. She extended an invitation to the Board to visit the Yellow Room and see what the SVCA Mothers have done to create a positive and nurturing environment for children and families.

Sandy Chasteen, 8 Sunflower Circle, stated that she was in agreement and support of what Rebecca Gonnella said. She added that there has not been any posting of the \$2. fee for the Yellow Room use.

Scott Thiele, 4 L Strawberry, stated that he, his wife and members of their Bible Study Group have been hearing rumors and object to being charged for using SVCA facilities to hold their weekly meetings.

BOARD & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS:

Calece Cass-Healy stated that the Finance Committee's questions for the Board are for direction. The need exists to have a profit/loss evaluation by department as well. Assessing the acceptable amount that will cover all necessary operations and services, i.e. costs for Security and Maintenance, in the Budget is key.

Les Bjorkstam, Div. 28 suggested two parts for dues increase. 1.) Have dues increased covered until March 2008. 2.) Have a Special Assessment follow to legally support the increase and follow up.

Earl Settlemyer stated that Assessments in the past have caused complications and bad feelings because people paid for Assessments like mailboxes.

Calece Cass-Healy, Treasurer & Finance Chair stated that February 28, 2008 is the target date realistically necessary to review all the information in order for the Committee to make recommendations reasonable. The Committee requested time to do their reviews and asked the Board to please take into consideration that all members have full time jobs and responsibilities. Also, final payroll figures are needed. It was agreed that the Finance Committee will be provided that information as soon as possible. Discussion Followed regarding timelines and added pressure to have recommendations done as soon as possible.

Barbara Audley stated that the 2007 Black Budget was already approved because it was approved two years ago. Now the urgent matter and direction that the Board needs is to go with the 2007/2008 Status Quo Budget and have the Finance Committee do it's due diligence to make their recommendations.

MOTION:

Ask the Finance Committee to perform due diligence on the Status Quo Budget which is the 2007 Level of Service and the 2008 dollars, and get that back to the Board by the end of January prior to the January 28th Board of Directors Meeting. The motion was seconded. The motion was passed with Calece Cass-Healy abstaining.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Board approved _____ / Date _____