



**“Never doubt that a small group of committed citizens can change the world.
Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”
Margaret Mead**

Island of Key Largo Federation of Homeowners Association

May 10, 2017 General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dottie Moses at 7:00 PM at the Key Largo Library Community Room.

The following Directors were in attendance: Burke Cannon, Ann Nickerson, Laura Heinrich, Pauline Klein, Lee Huenniger, Fred Heiner, Diane Blumenthal, Raymond Reigadas, Stuart Smith, Geri Smith

Dottie led the Pledge of Allegiance

Treasurers Report - Ann Nickerson - \$4,436.29

SPEAKER

Marty Senterfitt – Monroe County Emergency Management Director

FDOT advised that it would take 90 – 120 days to replace a bridge if destroyed in disaster.

The EOC prepares for all disasters such as building collapses, mass events, chemical explosions, oil spills. Most disasters in Florida are weather related. In the Keys we have had to deal with Zika, screw worm, and hurricanes.

The EOC works through 5 exercises to respond to disasters.

Evacuation is the biggest challenge. Protocol calls for 24 hrs to evacuate but really need 36 hrs. Tourists leave 48 hrs out. In practice start 72 hrs out encouraging people to evacuate early.

Communication includes Sheriff app, radio, website, county TV.

Mr Orr with NRC, lives in Key Largo, plans for Turkey Point leak.

If Monroe cannot handle emergency can call on state and federal agencies to help.

Marty will sit with anyone who needs help with an evacuation plan. Monroe County does not have certified shelters, however there are small storm shelters staffed by county such as Coral Shores but you must bring your own supplies. Used most for Category 1 or 2 storms.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Raymond Reigadas gave an update on Operation Bedroll which crochets single use plastic bags into bedrolls for the homeless.
- Keeping Key Largo Beautiful adopted MM 100-102 as an Adopt A Highway team. Please support KKLB by picking up trash whenever possible. Report all illegal dumping to the Sheriff's office. (305-853-3211)
- County Survey is available on line and copies are on the back table.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Friends of the Key Largo Cultural Center – **FIU Lecture Series** – FREE - Friday – May 19- 7 PM – *The Effects of Environmental Change on Coral Reef Fishes* – Alastair Harbonne , PhD
- Crocodile Lake National Wildlife Refuge May 16, 2017 **Volunteer Workday Building Nests for Woodrats** (9 AM - 12 PM) RSVP at crocodilelake@fws.gov or -772-546-0900 - Bring gloves, sunscreen, water, and bug spray
- Upper Keys AARP meets Thursday May 11 from 2-4 PM at the Key Largo Civic Center. Guest Speaker is Cathy Bosworth of the LWV. Open to the public.

Next Meeting – June 14, 2017 – Speaker – Representative Holly Rashein