



**“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**

### **November 8 2017 General Meeting Minutes**

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

The following Directors were in attendance: Burke Cannon, Ann Nickerson, Laura Heinrich, Lee Huenniger, Janet Coplan, Richard Prentiss, Stuart Smith, Geri Smith, Patti Spires

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by Burke Cannon

**Guest Speakers:** Brenda Carr and Christine Latronico from Upper Keys League of Women Voters

The launch of the Solar Effort statewide by the Solar Coop will be in February. Effort began in 2007 by a 12 year old boy and his mother who got a whole neighborhood (50) people to commit to using solar power. By 2014, Solar United Neighbors of Florida is formed and hired a state director.

We pay 40% more than other states due to new power plant by FPL.

Solar United Neighbors is in 9 states. Florida has 21 coops. 250 households is the cap for 1 coop.

The coop allows owners to bundle buying power, supports a competitive bidding process for choice of installer. Members have individual contracts with the installer with benefit of a group discount.

FKEC has a solar loan program and is required to buy back excess energy. Battery storage is also possible

The audience response was enthusiastic and members asked pertinent questions that Brenda and Christine postponed to February kick off meetings with more knowledgeable speakers.

**Treasurer's report:** \$3,336.29

### **President's Report:**

- Burke Cannon led the meeting in Dottie's absence and read the resolution letter supporting Sylvia on MSBUs and letter on non-residential ROGOs. Both were approved unanimously by acclamation.
- Approval was also given for Dottie to speak at BOCC meeting regarding reimbursement for "no wake" markers for all HOAs not just Duck Key.
- Debris piles no longer allowed and call Judy Clark to report violations

### **Announcements:**

Betsy Baste and Sandi Bisceglia from the Upper Keys Life Enrichment Coalition (UKLEC) will give a presentation on progress on an all-inclusive Community Center for the Upper Keys.