

Minutes

February 06, 2025 Press Club Meeting

1:30 p.m. – 2:25 p.m. in East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room

Present: Doug Kates, Editor; Tom Butcher, President; Donna Gagnon, Vice President; Joanne Cordes, Secretary; 21 members

Call to Order – at 1:31 by Doug

Tom began the meeting by stating that he thought the February paper was terrific. He congratulated all the staff and Doug for a great job. Doug added that advertisements were down for February. February 28 is the delivery of the March newspaper.

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Joanne read highlights of the January meeting. She then read the names of those who qualify for the Appreciation Luncheon in April. There are more than 25 names so far.

Announcements of Coming Events –

- Pizza Party at the Pavilion in March. What pizza do we want to order? Dominos was a popular answer. Doug got 3 suggestions, he'll call each and then make a decision. Roy Lemnus volunteered to go pick up the pizzas. Thank you to Roy.
- On March 25, 2025 Doug will send his 200th edition to press. It is cause for celebration! Doug will be at the Sunset Lounge after work, to toast the occasion. He asked that anyone who wants to join him will get a drink on him.
- Also in April, on the 3rd at 5 p.m., the qualified press staffers will meet at the Philippe Park Pavilion (#7?) for the Annual Appreciation Luncheon/Dinner. To qualify, a staff member must have at least 3 story contributions or other such as photography or proofing *and* attendance at 3 or more meetings. Doug explained that Clearwater Family Restaurant is paying for an ad throughout the year and consequently, Doug feels like we should request them to provide the meal. Pressers are okay with ordering from Clearwater Family and Tom is okay with not cooking for this event this year. Settled.

Other news –

- Doug explained the outcome of a meeting that was between our OTOW Board, OTOW Facility management and a Summit management team. Doug thanked all press staff who responded to his request to report in detail the viewing problems we experienced. Additionally, Doug would like us to report to him anything of interest and send pictures, as well, if we find equipment out of place or damaged in our building's site. Katie added that the OTOW Board is making a catalogue and more meetings are scheduled.
- Doug gave an update of the topic of missing delivered newspapers. The buildings having the most difficulty are 40, 9, 23, 49. There are others, too, that report papers are not available as they should be. The saga continues and management is seeking a solution.
- Doug reminded us that there are only 20 building reporters of the 91 buildings in the community. There is work to do on increasing penetration.

50/50 Drawing –

There was \$28 collected and so the prize of \$14 went to Connie Stanley, winner.

Refreshments -- Donna Gagnon thanked Joanne for bring refreshments.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Minutes Submitted By: Joanne Cordes, Secretary