

MARION OAKS CIVIC ASSOCIATION
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Website: [Home \(moca1973.org\)](http://moca1973.org)

Gen. M.O. Membership Meeting

Date: November 12, 2024

Establish a Quorum (55) Members in Attendance plus 25 Guests,
Call to Order: Florence Charbonneau, President at 7:05 PM
Prayer by Florence Charbonneau, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Silent reading of minutes from last meeting and we will vote at end of the meeting.

Guest Speakers: SECO

Jim Lamotte – SECO District 4 Trustee –

SECO is a non-profit cooperative that has grown from a small rural cooperative to one of the largest electric cooperatives in the country. The company was founded nearly 100 years ago in 1938 and services over 240,000 meters over seven counties.

A study was conducted in 2022 and found that their buildings are outdated and substandard. Change is needed and they are working on plans for the buildings and an integrated workspace. In 2026 they will start on the new buildings which will bring more jobs opportunities in the communities. For more information go to www.future.SECOEnergy.com

Curtis Wynn – CEO

On our November bill we will see a credit that the company has given. In 2026 they will start breaking ground on new locations. There will be 3 locations: 1) Sumterville 2) Groveland and 3) somewhere near Marion Oaks. They are looking for a central location which will get power back sooner. There is potential for new jobs as they proposals from local sub-contractors will be considered. Depending on where you live in Marion Oaks depends on if you have SECO or Duke Energy. Milton – of the 245,000 meters approximately 130,000 meters were not turning, and they were able to restore power quickly. They are changing out to underground lines which will be less exposure to the elements, but power can still go out.

Technology – solar panel and alternative sources of energy are being worked on. They were recipients of a grant to include solar energy. In 2-3 years, community solar will be an alternative you can subscribe to with SECO solar panels.

Board Nomination Ballots – Lenny Dobrzyski, Denise Serra and Santos Pagan have volunteered to count the ballots.

Florence thanked everyone for their donations for the Kimerly Center and the sexual assault facility. She advised that the County Commissioners broke ground for the new sexual assault facility. Due to the nature of the facility, the location will not be made public.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Goles
as of October 31, 2024:

Balance:	MOCA:	\$10,915.55
	Bingo:	\$7,502.22

Bingo Report: Lynn Greene

Bingo's deposits (3) for month of October 2024:	\$2,926.50
Concession Stand deposits for month of October 2024:	\$555.50
Average Attendance ran:	98

Deed Report: Carmen Reyes – Office Manager
During the month of October there were:

Permits	Opened: 27	Closed: 25
Violations:	Opened: 22	Closed: 36
Estoppels: 60		Violations Letter: 30

Florence advised that on 27th Circle someone dumped 75 yards of debris of which most was sheet rock.

Member Report:

Number in attendance:	80
Number of members:	55
Number of guests:	25

Safety Report – David Pierce for Lt. Rosa

Deputies assigned to the Marion Oaks District during month of October arrested 34 people, for 11 felony charges, 18 misdemeanor charges, served 13 warrants, conducted 103 traffic stops, conducted 54 sex offender checks, worked 19 domestic violence cases, wrote 110 reports, 63 follow up reports, dispatched to 1,146 calls for service, and worked a total of 1,467-man hours for the month.

Parks and Rec Report: Dave Pierce

Dave reported that they are busy getting ready for all the holiday events.

Upcoming trips: WEC, Mt Dora Lights Show, St Augustine Lights Show and much more. The Thanksgiving luncheon will be Thursday the 21st and a spaghetti dinner will be December 12th. December 1st is Light up Marion Oaks and will take place when the bus returns from the Sunkicks Show. December 7th is the Holiday Extravaganza. Come by the Rec Center for all activities.

MSTU – Henry Munoz - no report

President's Report – Florence Charbonneau
Update on 75/484 – They are halfway completed

The train Show was a huge success, and we will sponsor it again next year. We had over 400 people attending.

County Commissioners held their elections and elected Kathy Bryant as Chair with Carl Zalak as Vice Chair.

We are in the planning stages for our next Mystery Dinner. Tickets should go on sale at the end of January, beginning of February.

Veterans – Veteran Resource Center – There is a group Veterans helping Veterans. Check at the resource center for list of services and contact for information if you need help.

The Attic Thrift Store that took over the Credit Union at the Winn Dixie Plaza is part of the Veterans helping and all proceeds go to Veterans Helping Veterans. They accept donations.

The County Commissioners approved 36 new recruits for the Fire Departments in Marion County.

MOVE - Juanita Valentin

They have new volunteers and during the month of October they worked 117 hours and covered 642 miles. They were working during Milton, however the Sheriff shut down operations till storm passed.

2025 Board of Director Election Results:

Marcine Akeley – Vice President

Nora Burch – Treasurer

Peggy Jefferson – Correspondent Secretary

Linda Goles Director

Stella Owens – Director

Jose Torres – Director

Carmen Reyes – Director

Lee Akeley – Director

Michael Center – Director.

Motion to approve the minutes from October was made by Dorothy Brown with a 2nd by Michael Center, unanimously approved.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 by Henry Munoz, with a 2nd by Janice Brennan, unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned.