

IOP Meeting – January 6th, 2026

Call to Order 7:03pm

Board members in attendance: Billy Akos, Justin Andrews, Al Eastburn, Domonique Lombardo, Sarah Miller, Rick Smallish, Nicole Bazinet, Chrissy Brown, Dave McAlevy, Mike Preston, Dana Carmen

Alternate Board members: Suzanne Arnold

Guests: Terry Gardener, Michelle Andrews, Kelly Graves, Tim Boggs, Jesse Dance, Hugh Blair

Treasurer's Report – Motion to approve 1st Nickie B Sarah 2nd all in favor

Notes – Nickie B motioned to except the minutes with the exception that the 2026 pricing is as listed on the website. Dave 2nd with all in favor

Old Business

Stage – discussion about how the step on the front of the stage was approved prompted by Al. The decision to add the front step was discussed and approved by the board at the last meeting. Al does not agree with the process and would have liked to see an email on the stage improvements.

Video in process signs – Per Chrissy, Jon Rome gave the signs to be Daniel to be hung at the Christmas party. Mike P will follow up with Daniel.

Septic- Liner ordered. Rick is working with one of his vendors. Price pending. Akos Sr. will work on the GFI tomorrow per Billy Akos.

New Business –

Seawall – We do not have the funding for seawall replacement or repairs. We will reevaluate the need when the water levels are down in May or June 2026. (There is a water table posted online with South Florida Water MGMNT)

Kids and kayak issue on 12/29/2025 – Wendi approached some kids messing with the kayaks. They were rude and claimed they didn't speak English. Nickie went to the kid's home on Roxane Drive and spoke to the mother. She was very apologetic and addressed the kids immediately. I explained the kayaks were NOT for public use. Every member has the right to confirm membership. Any damage to the park, children under 16 alone in the park or refusal to confirm membership violates the rules and her membership could be revoked or suspended. Details discussed and no need to follow up with a letter from the board.

Signage - Discussion about signage, age limits of pictures posted on Facebook and language on signs. Sign will be placed at the kayaks "Private Property" Isle of Pines website and the treasurer's email address for rental info. Nickie will email Nikki Rock to see if her offer to make a sign months ago stands.

Membership form – Chrissy shared her and Rachel were going to update the form. They don't have the original to work from, so it will need to be retyped. Suggested removing volunteering details since no one ever fills it out and adding you can view the rules online at www.isleofpines.org . She and Rachel are not able to get it done before the Membership drive. Suzanne offered to type it up and took note of the suggestions. Suzanne will provide a stack of printed rules at the membership drive.

Keys – Chrissy, after multiple trips to the locksmith, got the keys, re-key service ordered for next year. The exact prices of what we ordered were not available, but the overall cost is about double what we paid last year. Keys will be changed 01/19/2026. Extra key price will remain \$5.

Chili Cookoff – Rachel and Chrissy are hosting. Chrissy went over the list of groceries. Jesse D will print new ballots with the executive board members added. Rick has a list of what we've needed in the past as far as number of hot dogs, buns, etc. Jesse D, Dave and Mike P volunteered to help with the food. Michelle will do the 50/50 raffle. Chrissy will hang the sign, and Nickie will post the same page from the newsletter on the FB page.

Suggestions to add "how to join" details to future newsletters and FB page directing people to our website. Michelle suggested a QR code. She has created one before using Canva. She and Nickie will work on that.

Motion to budget \$400.00 for the chili cookoff made by Al/Domonique and 2nd by Justin with all in favor.

Motion to Adjourn – 1st Al 2nd Justin at 8:07pm - All in favor