

EAA Chapter 565

General Membership Meeting

June 5, 2024

Attendees - 17 Members, 6 guests

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by President McClure with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice President Kaletta reported that he's in negotiations with Twin Isles Country Club for the Christmas Party, and that he believes that he can secure the same price as last year. That's good news, considering how most prices have risen dramatically.

Secretary Willecke had nothing new to report.

Scott Sorenson reported that the web site is up to date.

Treasurer Hill noted that the Chapter is in good financial shape.

Kaley Miller, Director of marketing and operations at the airport put on a presentation about the Charlotte Technical College A&P school. Kaley was joined by Liz Lombard of the marketing agency, DeLynn Bennet of DB consulting (she used to run the school) and Amanda Fox Schwartz - the director of training at the school. They updated us on the plans for a new facility and hangar east of the FBO. The new facility will be 19,000 square feet and the new hangar will be 9,000 square feet. Charlotte High School is developing feeder classes in Avionics, Building and engineering, as well as private pilot classes to give students a head start on their training before they enroll in the CTC classes upon graduation from High School. There is a real effort to train students for these much needed jobs - A&P and Avionics technicians. There is also an effort to keep workers in SW Florida where the aviation industry is growing at a very fast pace. All of this costs money, and the CTC has secured a lot of grants and private funding, but they still have a gap to fill and they are looking to the aviation community to fill that gap. We were encouraged to donate, or to spread the word to companies that might be interested in donating to the fund. Many companies including SpaceX have already donated. To donate - visit PropellingFuturesATCTC.com/donate

President McClure reported on happenings around the airport. The self serve fueling area at the West Ramp (200 series hangars) should be open by the end of June. It looks like there will be no restaurant at the Air Center. The parties involved could not agree on a contract. It was noted by one member that he read that Charlotte County wants a large percentage of a restaurant's profits to operate at the Air Center. That might be a deal breaker.

This was the last Membership meeting until September. The Saturday coffee get together will continue throughout the summer.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Willecke, Secretary.