

Dear Mr. Angerame;

I have become aware of certain email correspondence from Martha Brauer, TE Board Chair, sent to you on May 2, 2010. Since my name is libeled in that missive I feel compelled to set the record straight.

Chair Brauer's statement that "In January of 2009 we were locked out of the TE website by its designer, Dan Smith." is an outright lie which impugns my integrity as an IT specialist.

The facts are:

- In January of 2009 Chair Brauer dissolved the Website Committee without warning and without a plan.
- The TE Board (including the Chair) had never had access to the website. The only persons with access were me and certain members of the Website Committee.
- I had developed the website and as designer and technical advisor to the Website Committee I had a responsibility to safeguard the site from malicious tampering.
- In dissolving the Website Committee so suddenly and without a plan, the Chair had released 4 or 5 people with passwords and ability to wreak havoc.
- Some of these people, who were surely angered by this callous act unilaterally made by the Chair, might have been tempted to take out their anger on the website.
- To protect the Park and the Board, I changed the password so that only I had access to the site.
- Shortly thereafter I personally went to speak with Chair Brauer and explained to her the situation and my motives.
- I volunteered to give the site to the Park, to train people on the use and maintenance of the site and to remain on as technical consultant for the Park.
- She thanked me and said she would let me know.
- Never once did the Chair or any other Board member request of me access to the website.

Since the Board never had access to the website, how could they be locked out? Only the former Website Committee members (no longer accountable to the Board) were denied access. I don't know your background in IT security, but I performed exactly as I was supposed to in this chaotic situation...secure the data! I volunteered to turn the website over to the Park and to continue technical support. Any attempt to denigrate my actions defames my character and integrity in my field.

At the next board meeting Chair Brauer made a similar statement as her statement to you. I came before the board and fully explained my actions as I have stated herein. I told the entire board that I would give the site to them, train their people and remain on as technical advisor. That meeting was televised and should be available. I think it was a January 2009 meeting.

She also states that her reasoning was based on a certain lawsuit with my wife. I am not now nor have ever been involved in any TE Board lawsuit...yet. In fact, I am kept out of any details of the lawsuit. As I understand the lawsuit, it involves violations of Florida Sunshine Law and Public or Open Records Act. That should in no way conflict with technical support of a website. Besides, they could always take over the site and get someone else to support it. Once they changed the password I would have no access.

She also states that she had a new site developed at no cost. This is another fabrication. Fairly expensive software was purchased (with our money) to develop the site. I had used only my money and my time to develop the original website, secure the domain name and pay for hosting. In 2008 the Board said it would not support a website because it would cost over \$3000.00. I volunteered my services to the

Website Committee. The site had been up and running for several months prior to the Friday the 13th like debacle. I refer to the Friday the 13th “dissolving” of the Knights Templar by French King Philip in 1307.

Of the “Official” website, trailerestatesfl.org, it appears to lie fallow and has for about a year. The Weather Widget is just a jpeg image and does not report the weather...it's ALWAYS 65⁰, most browsers can't view it correctly (IE works... sort of), the statement that some links don't work has been there for months. They now post a notice about compatibility issues. That should be corrected by the web designer. I guess if they paid nothing they're getting what they paid for.

However, visit the TE Fire Department site www.tefd.org. Great site, works in all browsers I've checked and the Park (meaning you and I) didn't pay for that one. Maybe they should talk.

As to the OTHER website www.trailerestates.org, I have never contributed to the content or been in any decision making position. I strictly serve as technical support. The Website Team keeps it current (sometimes controversial) and informative. It is independent of Government control (TE Board) as free speech conduits should be. Had the Chair seen clearly prior to her January 2009 coup, she might have accepted my offer and been able to set the mission and tone of the site as do the owners of certain news organizations.

If you have suggestions or comments regarding the form or content of the site please let me know at smithdpjr@aol.com. I will see that it gets to the content people.

Thank you for your time and I trust this clarifies the matter.

Cheers,

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PS: Now I digress, so feel free to stop reading and toss this away. I have no feud with the TE Board. I think they do the best they are able with what they have to work with. They are saddled with 'old ways' and old philosophies. They are having trouble getting into the 21st century. Most still do not realize they are a government. They continually compare themselves to churches and trailer parks. They lack the vision to see that they are not organized properly to function as a government. I was on the Planning Commission for a local township government and we had to follow Sunshine rules. We were organized to allow for smooth functioning without violating laws. There appear to be no managers on the board. No one delegates. They seem to be afraid of everything and everyone as if disagreement or discord was not to be tolerated. Granted non-paid elected positions may keep people with the necessary talent from applying. Although my board position was non-paid, we were loaded with talent. We were required to attend a class on ethics and laws prior to being seated – a simple but overlooked step with our TE government.

Oh well, now I've taken more of your time. I don't even know your political stance in these matters so I hope I haven't offended.