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# St. Petersburg Civitan Club & Foundation Board of Directors Joint Meeting - Meeting Minutes

July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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## Call to order

A joint meeting of the St. Petersburg Civitan Club Board of Directors and Foundation Board members was held at the Beach House at 18604 Gulf Blvd, Indian Shores FL 33785 on July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Club Board members that were present were Terasa Heckert, Jan Ward, Lauren Heckert, and Bonnie Ruth. Absent were Magda Rodriguez, Norm Bungard and Jim Belcher. Foundation Board members present were MaryAnn Fisher and Pete Meydag. Absent were Ron Wanek and Steve Eckelbarger. Also present was Tom Starkweather.

## Purpose of Meeting

Tom Starkweather requested a meeting with both the St. Petersburg Civitan Club Board of Directors and the Civitan Foundation Board of Directors. Tom wished to make a presentation to seek election to serve in the position of President Elect of the St. Petersburg Civitan Club. Due to current Covid-19 restrictions on gatherings, elections for 2021 were held electronically. Tom Starkweather had not been nominated timely to be included in the ballot distributed electronically to the membership.

## Opening Remarks

Pete Meydag, acting as Chair of the Joint Meeting, noted that Tom resigned his position as a Club Director in June. Pete asked Tom why he is now interested when he was in a leadership position and had resigned. Tom responded expressing concerns with reference to the current direction of the St. Petersburg Civitan Club and stated he wishes to provide suggestions and direction for the future of the Club.

## Campaign Presentation

Tom detailed his concerns and presented several plans he would implement. Tom said the membership should be engaged in projects rather than meetings. Bonnie Ruth commented on various speakers the Club has hosted at membership meetings that enhance community involvement and fellowship.

There was discussion on varied other aspects of gaining membership, communication and transparency of club operations.

## Voting

Bylaws are currently under review by the Board which will state quorum specifics and other considerations for electronic and in person voting. Bylaws must be in place and approved by the membership prior to an election.

## Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.