
St. Petersburg Civitan Club Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

March 11th, 2020

Call to order

A meeting of the St. Petersburg Civitan Club Board of Directors and members was held at the Beach House at 18604 Gulf Blvd, Indian Shores FL 33785 on March 11th, 2020. Board members that were present were Lauren Heckert, Terasa Heckert, Tom Starkweather and Norm Bungard. Absent were Jim Belcher and Magda Rodriguez. Also present was Earle Lusk the Region 4 FL District Director and member of the Clearwater Civitan. Norm opened the meeting with a prayer.

Reports

President – No new report.

Secretary – We currently have 52 members. 2 members have not paid and not responded to emails and invoices mailed via USPS. They will be removed by the start of next quarter. We have already paid their dues to International.

Treasurer – Lauren Heckert sent out our budget for this year. Note the Club is on track to lose \$494.95 which is an improvement over what was reported last month. Last year the Club voted to give the Foundation \$749.52 for security cameras and lighting when the Foundation was short on money. At the last Foundation meeting they voted to give that back to the Club since they are now making money on the Beach House bookings.

New Business

We reviewed the committee structure that was agreed to at the last Club meeting. Bonnie agreed to chair the Membership committee. Other committees include Resource Development and Public Information. There will be a Speaker's Bureau and Norm will be working on training the speakers. Outreach to churches and corporations with a community spirit are likely to be targeted. We agreed that fund raising and public information are linked and will need to work together. The membership application will be changed to include committee preference. Norm asked that Lauren send an email to members asking where they may want to be involved. Norm also asked that the email ask members to verify/update their personal information.

Norm mentioned the Jr. Civitan scholarships currently are limited to senior students only and participation is a requirement to receive a scholarship. His thought was we should consider making scholarships available to sophomores and junior students. He also commented that Bonnie has had recent success in getting them re-engaged.

Terasa brought up some fund raising ideas:

- We discussed the 50/50 money and the current agreement we have to give our portion to International in lieu of candy dish, coin box and fruitcake money. We decided to keep it as is for now.
- She mentioned allowing public parking on some of the weekends to make money. Lauren will contact our insurance carrier to discuss our liability.

Tom initiated discussion about the Club and Foundation boards not following the Bylaws as written. He says we are out of compliance and in jeopardy of losing our nonprofit status. He says we should follow them or rewrite them. The group agreed that our meeting was not the place to come to resolution on this because of the discussion time involved. Earle suggested a separate strategy session to revamp them. Tom will review the Bylaws in more detail, make suggested changes and schedule time to discuss with both boards.

Tom suggested the Foundation should pay the dues to International as they pick the charities to support with member dues. Lauren disagreed but said it needs more discussion. Tom will present this to the Foundation Board at his earliest opportunity.

Tom reviewed the progress on the new website and reported it is ready to go live. Lauren disagreed saying he has not seen any report on the current issues list and which defects are fixed. The defects/issues need to be regression tested to ensure all stakeholders get their expected results. Our clients, potential clients, event coordinator, members, bookkeeper and treasurers of both the Foundation and Club all need information from the site, as they currently have access to. There is a wide difference of opinion on the current readiness and how the project will move forward. Lauren suggested that he, Tom and Pete get together to do additional design work and try to come to some agreement on how to proceed.

Motions

There was a motion to approved \$100 to be used to purchase food for the St. Patrick's Day Party. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

There was a motion to keep the dues for 2021 at \$48 per quarter and set the discount at \$160 if paid by December 25th. It was seconded and passed with 3 Yes and 1 Abstain votes.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.