
St. Petersburg Civitan Club Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

June 10th, 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 June 10th, 2020. Board members that were present were Magda Rodriguez, Terasa Heckert, Lauren Heckert, Norm Bungard and Tom Starkweather. Absent was Jim Belcher. Also present were Pete Meydag, Bonnie Ruth, Jeanne Davison, Jan Ward and Karen Ashcraft. Norm opened the meeting with a prayer.

Reports

President – Magda received a notice from International that dues were not paid for April to June. That payment was made on 5/6/20. Lauren will follow up with International.

Secretary – We currently have 52 members. One member has 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 and FL District for the past 2 quarters.

Treasurer – Lauren Heckert reported our balance in the Club account is \$8868.32. The International dues payment of \$882 was paid on 5/6 but was not credited to our account yet. Lauren will follow up with International to rectify the discrepancy. Our projected deficit for 2020 is \$101.85. Our recent parking fundraiser has reduced the deficit from the last reported amount of \$491.95.

New Business

In the February business meeting Jan Ward was nominated and accepted as a Director on the Club Board. This was omitted from the February meeting minutes. A notification will be sent to the club members.

Lauren recapped the circumstances of the subpoena we were served with on May 15th. Our response was submitted to the prosecuting attorney in Miami on 05/22/20. We have neither documents nor knowledge of the person that was named in the subpoena.

Discussion was held concerning Jr. Civitan scholarships. Norm had hoped to increase Jr. Civitan involvement by including sophomores and juniors for consideration. Bonnie Ruth reviewed the process of the Pinellas Education Foundation awarding the scholarships. Civitan does not choose the recipients, PEF does. Their requirement is the student is a senior, with the money sent directly to the learning institution. Since we cannot choose the specific recipient nor change their criteria, there is no further action for consideration.

Terasa reviewed the recent parking fund raiser held at the Beach House on May 24th. We had 26 public parkers and raised \$390 for the Club. This looks to be a viable ongoing fundraiser. Thanks to the volunteers that showed up to staff the event. Future dates will be determined as staffing allows.

Terasa and Jan Ward committed to working together to discuss additional avenues to pursue to generate funds for the club.

Bonnie Ruth the Membership Chairman reviewed preliminary plans to have an open house/membership drive in the fall at the Beach House. This would be in conjunction with a yard/rummage sale. Information tables would be set up inside the Beach House. Members of the public attending the outside yard/rummage sale would be able to get information about Civitan. Bonnie is in the planning stages for this event.

Lauren reviewed the planning for the 100 year celebration. Our club was chartered April 12, 1921. All preliminary paperwork has been submitted to the National Historic Registry for consideration in getting the Civitan Beach House on the register. We have requested Mayor Patrick Soranno of Indian Shores to give a proclamation at the celebration. Norm is working on the verbiage for the proclamation. We plan to invite

other county commissioners and administrators. Announcements will be put out to the public to notify them of the event. Lauren will contact International to see what help they can provide in promoting the event.

Lauren reviewed that the new web site is on hold. Tom says the reason is he tried to get a meeting with the Foundation Board and was denied. Pete and Lauren claim the proper documentation has not been submitted prior to the requested meeting. A list of items for discussion as well as the status of each defect on the issues list was requested.

Motions

There was a motion to approve virtual meetings as a way for all members to attend meetings. It was unanimously approved by the Board. Tom Starkweather will coordinate setting up the procedures we use to accomplish this. Tom will distribute instructions on how to access it once it is set up. He does not want members to have to register to use the meeting software he chooses.

There was a motion to allow proxy voting for board members, and all members when necessary. We have all had reasons to miss meetings in the past. Allowing proxy voting will allow all interested parties to have their voice heard. It was unanimously approved by the Board.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.