

# St. Petersburg Civitan Club Board of Directors

## Meeting Minutes

July 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Board members that were present were Magda Rodriguez, Terasa Heckert, Lauren Heckert, Norm Bungard, Jan Ward and Bonnie Ruth. Absent was Jim Belcher. Also present were Pete Meydag and Jeanne Davison. Norm opened the meeting with a prayer. Last month's minutes were reviewed for omissions and updates and then approved.

### Reports

**President** – Magda recapped the July 4<sup>th</sup> Social and how even with the Covid-19 gathering limitations, it was a fun time for those that attended. There was a new member training session for Karen Galinowski and Steven Rodriguez. Parking passes and keys to the Beach House were presented.

**Secretary** – We currently have 51 members. Three were removed from the roster in July and we had 2 additions.

**Treasurer** – Lauren Heckert reported our balance in the Club account is \$7574.06. This accounts for the International and Florida District dues payments totaling \$1198 that will be sent next week. Right now the Club is in decent financial shape even though our expenses will exceed our income. Parking proceeds will help offset the loss. Dues for 2021 will remain at \$48/quarter. The discount for paying for the year in advance will be \$160.

### New Business

June 28<sup>th</sup> was the deadline for submissions for officer elections. No names were submitted by the deadline so the existing officers have agreed to stay in their positions. Bonnie Ruth expressed a desire to be a Director in the Club replacing Tom Starkweather who recently resigned. She was recognized as such in tonight's meeting. The President Elect position is still open.

Discussion was held about moving the member Social on Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. Civitan International is holding a Virtual Convention that weekend. We will meet at the Beach House and show the Celebration of Champions portion of the convention on a TV screen. Jeanne Davison will contact the Tampa Metro Club and invite them. Lauren will contact the Clearwater Club and invite them. We will start the Social at 5:30pm. The Celebration of Champions starts at 7:00pm. There will be a special thank-you to President Perkal, recognition of our Governors and Governors-Elect, and the installation of President-Elect Frank Kelley. President-Elect Kelley will then take a few moments to address membership as we make plans for the coming year.

Discussion was also held concerning inviting Clearwater and Tampa Metro to our events and socials in the future. The group agreed that 'merging' clubs would not be in our best interests but that Clearwater would be extended an invitation to have their members join St. Petersburg Civitan Club in the event they give up their charter. Jeanne spoke about the Clearwater support of Challenger Baseball

Terasa proposed having new public parking events at the Beach House on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and over the Labor Day weekend. Funding is needed for the upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration scheduled for 4/11/21. Proceeds from the parking will help offset the Celebration costs. More information will be distributed as the dates are firmed up.

Discussion was held concerning recruitment of new members. Norm and Bonnie both expressed that the contact with prospective members needs to be person to person. Email contact does not create a welcoming environment when we seek to increase membership. Guests have always been invited to our events and each member should be encouraged to invite prospects that they believe would be involved in supporting

PARC, Special Olympics and other organizations that align with our mission. Getting members to join just for them to park for free is not in our best interest.

Bonnie Ruth reviewed the preliminary plans for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration scheduled for 4/11/21. The location is to be determined after Bonnie and her committee work through the details. Local dignitaries and press will be invited. They are looking at ways to advertise the event so there is a good turnout from members and the public. Civitan International and Florida District have been contacted to see how they can help us promote the anniversary celebration.

Bonnie asked that a request be made to the Foundation to purchase a TV to be used for member events and the 100 Year Anniversary Celebration. Initial pricing shows about \$300 for a 50 inch Smart TV.

The October Open House at the Beach House previously discussed at last month's business meeting has been postponed due to ongoing Covid-19 concerns.

Lauren updated the group on the progress with the National Historical Society. They have requested additional pictures of the inside and outside of the Beach House in the early years. Lauren has sent those to the contacts he has been working with.

Bonnie will talk with Theresa Pinnix to see if there is a new date available for the Police and Fire Awards. The group discussed providing food or showing support some other way to the St. Petersburg Police and Fire members in the event they cannot hold a luncheon because of the ongoing Covid-19 concerns.

### Motions

There was a motion to move the July Member Social to Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. We will be showing the Celebration of Champions from the International Virtual Convention. It starts at 7:00pm EST. Info from Civitan International: We'll share a special thank-you to President Perkal, recognize our Governors and Governors-Elect, and the installation of President-Elect Frank Kelley. President-Elect Kelley will then take a few moments to address membership as we make plans for the coming year. It was seconded and approved.

There was a motion to purchase No Parking stickers to be placed on cars that violate the no trespassing signs on the Beach House property. It was seconded and approved. Lauren will move forward with that purchase. The cost is about \$35 for 50 stickers.

### Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.