
St. Petersburg Civitan Club Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

August 12th, 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 August 12th, 2020. Board members that were present were Magda Rodriquez, Terasa Heckert, Lauren Heckert, Norm Bungard, Jan Ward and Bonnie Ruth. Absent was Jim Belcher. Also present was Pete Meydag. Norm opened the meeting with a prayer.

Reports

President – No new reports

Secretary – Last month's minutes were reviewed for omissions and updated and then approved. We currently have 52 members. PARC sent in applications for 2 new staff members. One will be removed at the end of September as they expressed they are no longer interested in being a member.

Treasurer – Lauren Heckert reported our balance in the Club account is \$7960.59. The projected ending balance will be around \$6000. We have International and Florida District dues payments totaling \$1198 that will be sent the end of September. We also have around \$780 earmarked for the Police and Fire Awards. Additionally funding will be needed in April of 2021 for the 100 year anniversary of the club. At this time it is unknown what that final cost will be. We have 4 Public Parking events which may help towards the bottom line. Dues for 2021 will remain at \$48/quarter. The discount for paying for the year in advance will be \$160. These will be due by December 25th for the 2021 year.

Public Parking – Terasa Heckert reported we made \$35 at the last parking event on 8/2. Rain came early and limited the turnout.

Police and Fire Awards - Theresa Pinnix is working through the details with the Police and Fire contacts. As soon as a date and structure for the presentations is finalized we will notify the members.

New Business

Meeting Structure and Time Change – The board voted to move the Business Meeting to 5:30pm keeping the same 2nd Wednesday of each month as the day. The monthly Socials will spend the first 15-30 minutes updating members on the meeting and upcoming events the members would be interested in. We hope to resume our speaker program when the Covid-19 concerns subside.

2021 Officer Elections – The President Elect position was not filled in the last election in June. Tom Starkweather has expressed interest in that position. Additionally Lauren has indicated he would like to turn the Secretary position over to someone new. The Club Bylaws need to be updated prior to those positions being filled. They are currently being discussed by the board. We made good initial progress at our club meeting. The Bylaws will be distributed for a member vote after they are approved by the Board of Directors. A special election will be held as soon as possible when the Bylaws are approved.

Public Parking – New dates were added for public parking at the Beach House on 8/15, 9/5, 9/6 & 9/7. More dates will be added, working around events scheduled at the Beach House. This is an easy way to raise funds for the club with minimal preparation. All members are encouraged to consider giving 2 hours of their time on these days to staff the check in area. It's very simple as you take parkers information, collect the payment and direct them to a parking spot. Please consider this as one way to volunteer your time to enhance fund raising for the club. Discussion was held on whether to purchase a feather sign to enhance visual presence for folks driving by. Initial research indicates a cost of around \$160-\$180. This will be reviewed again at September's business meeting.

Special Olympics Bowling – This event is held in September each year at Seminole Lanes. Lauren will reach out to MaryAnn or Jeanne to see if it is still being held, given the current Covid-19 concerns.

Blossom Montessori School for the Deaf – Julie Rutenberg, founder and director reached out to Norm Bungard about a fund raising activity they would like us to consider participating in. They are purchasing plexiglass partitions to place in the lunchroom that would allow students to enjoy their lunch while still being able to communicate via sign language with their friends. Bonnie made a motion to ask the Foundation Board to contribute \$200-\$500 towards the purchase. It was passed and will be discussed at the Foundation meeting on August 18th.

100 Year Anniversary Celebration – Bonnie Ruth reported on the planning progress by the committee for the celebration tentatively scheduled for 4/10/21 at the St. Petersburg Museum of History 335 2nd Ave NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33701. They met with the director and they have agreed to give us a substantial discount off their regular rate. We plan to charge \$25 each or \$40 per couple. Attendance is open to the public. Catering will be done by Kelli's Catering of Seminole. Frank Kelley the current Civitan International President and past St. Petersburg Civitan Club member is expected to attend. Lana Suggs the Florida District Governor and other local dignitaries will also be invited.

Bylaws Update – Initial review of the bylaws was started. We intend to move this along as expeditiously as possible, facilitating the best solutions for the members and the club. After they are agreed upon by the Board of Directors a vote will be held among the membership for ratification. Bonnie made a motion that the Treasurer Expenditure cap in Section VI (6.03) be raised from \$25 to \$100 immediately. It was seconded and voted yes by the board. Dues to International and FL District will be exempt from this approval process.

National Historical Society – Lauren reported he has been sending them pictures for them to evaluate to determine if the Civitan Beach House qualifies for inclusion. This is an ongoing process. Any member that has old pictures of the building is asked to contact Lauren so he can submit them.

Motions

There was a motion to move the Business Meeting to 5:30pm. It was seconded and approved.

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Bonnie made a motion to ask the Foundation Board to contribute \$200-\$500 towards the purchase of plexiglass dividers for the Montessori School for the Deaf. It was passed and will be discussed at the Foundation meeting on August 18th.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.