
St. Petersburg Civitan Club Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

September 9th, 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 September 9th, 2020. Board members that were present were Lauren Heckert, Norm Bungard, Jan Ward and Bonnie Ruth. Absent were Magda Rodriquez, Terasa Heckert and 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 updates. There were no changes and the minutes were approved. We currently have 51 members. There is a prospective member that left a voice mail for Lauren that is interested in what Civitan is about. Lauren will contact them this week.

Treasurer – Lauren Heckert reported our balance in the Club account is \$8373.52. The projected ending balance will be around \$3800. 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 in the amount of \$2970 will be needed in April of 2021 for the 100 year anniversary of the club. 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 – Lauren Heckert reported we made \$135 at the parking event on 8/15. We also made \$120 on 9/5 and \$405 on 9/6. The total money raised from the parking events is now \$1085. This will help us keep dues at the same rate as last year. However, we need more volunteers. These days will count towards your event requirements that will be detailed in the new Bylaws.

Police and Fire Awards - Theresa Pinnix has scheduled the Police and Fire Awards for 9/11/20. Some board members will be going to the fire and police stations to hand out gift cards. The Police and Fire Departments asked that we limit the attendees in respect for the ongoing Covid-19 concerns.

New Business

Public Parking – New dates will be considered, 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.

Special Olympics Bowling – This event is held in September each year at Seminole Lanes. This event is cancelled for this year. The only Special Olympics Events being held are golf and tennis, given the current Covid-19 concerns.

David Haines Memorial Golf Tournament – This year's tournament will be held on November 7th, 2020 at the Cove Cay Country Club in Clearwater FL. Bonnie Ruth will follow up with them to see what volunteer opportunities are available.

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. A motion was made to contribute \$100 towards their fundraising effort. It was seconded and passed. Lauren will write that check this week.

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 of \$5400. 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. The Centennial Celebration will consist of the Saturday evening, Centennial Celebration, and Sunday afternoon, Next Century Kick Off event. The budget for the weekend's events is \$2,970. The caterer has offered to discount her rate in exchange for a Saturday event at the Beach House.

Bylaws Update – The Board has spent quite a few hours discussing the Bylaws, their impact on the members, and what is the best direction for the future of the St. Petersburg Civitan Club. Further discussion was held with clarifications and consensus reached. The final document will be sent to the Board of Directors for approval. 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.

National Historical Society – Lauren reported the Civitan Beach House qualifies for inclusion to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The next step is to submit a nomination letter for final approval. This will allow us to place a marker sign on the Beach House property informing them of the historical nature of the property.

Work at the Beach House – Member Chris Keene has offered his time and services to repair any needed electrical work at the Beach House. One project is to hang the last ceiling fan we purchased quite awhile ago.

Motions

There was a motion to allocate an additional \$70 to the Fire and Police Awards. It was seconded and approved by the board.

There was a motion to allocate \$100 to the Blossom Montessori School for the Deaf. This will help them purchase partitions in their lunchroom. It was seconded and approved by the board.

There was a motion to petition the Foundation Board to contribute a Saturday event on 3/27/20 to Kelli Bingman. Kelli has a catering service and has offered to reduce her catering fee by \$1900 for the 100th Anniversary Celebration scheduled for 4/10/21. The Club has budgeted \$2970 to spend on the celebration. This is a significant outlay of funds for this important milestone in our history. We will not be able to afford an additional \$1900 so her offer is very generous and much needed.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on October 14th at 5:30pm at the Civitan Beach House. Members are welcome to attend.