
St. Petersburg Civitan Club Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

November 18th, 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 November 18th, 2020. Board members that were present were Terasa Heckert, Lauren Heckert, Norm Bungard, Bonnie Ruth and Jan Ward. Magda Rodriguez was absent. Also present was Pete Meydag. Terasa opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and the short version of the Civitan Creed.

Reports

President – Terasa opened the meeting thanking everyone for contributing to the PARC toy and craft drive. We were able to provide most of the gift items on their list. She was pleased with the response from members.

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. Three have indicated they will not rejoin in 2021 due to the new participation requirement and them not having time to fulfill it.

Treasurer – Lauren Heckert reported our balance in the Club account is approximately \$7067.37. The projected ending balance will be around \$3600. International and Florida District dues were recently sent with payments totaling \$1150. Additionally funding in the amount of \$2970 will be needed in April of 2021 for the 100 year anniversary of the club. This is a significant outlay of funds for the club so fundraising activities in 2021 will be very important. All members are encouraged to give their time for any scheduled activities. 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. Notifications went out to the members on 11/5. A reminder will go out the first week in December.

New Business

Police and Fire Awards – Theresa Pinnix is working with the Fire Department to come up with a date for the Fire Awards. As soon as this is known we will notify the members if there is room for them at the ceremony. They are limiting their interactions with the public because of Covid-19 concerns so we may be limited in who can attend. She has purchased the gift cards that will be handed out. If you are interested please contact Lauren at civitan19@gmail.com.

David Haines Memorial Golf Tournament – This year's tournament was held on November 7th, 2020 at the Cove Cay Country Club in Clearwater FL. Bonnie Ruth coordinated the volunteers. Six members volunteered their time. Bonnie Ruth, Jan Ward, MaryAnn Fisher, Jeanne Davison, Eddie Pringle and Tom Starkweather attended and represented Civitan. This was the only live event Special Olympics has held in 2020 because of Covid-19 concerns.

100 Year Anniversary Celebration – The St. Petersburg Museum of History is revising their contract in consideration of the effect Covid-19 may have for cancellations. We are locked in at a price of \$1500 to use the facility. We plan to charge \$25 each. St. Petersburg Civitan Club members may be given a discount. The committee will discuss it and come up with a recommendation. 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 for all anticipated expenses. Bonnie will reach out to the museum to see what their cancellation policy will be.

National Historical Society – Lauren submitted all pictures and available documentation to the Florida Department of State as they requested. Annie Albert has been doing her own searches to find relevant information. Bonnie Ruth and Jeanne Davison were helpful in supplying answers to the recent questions they asked for clarification for their understanding. Ann Bridge supplied a book from 1963 that was given to all members that may have some helpful information. The next step, after the state determines we are eligible, is to submit a nomination letter for final approval. Annie has indicated she can help with this. This will allow us to purchase and place a marker sign on the Beach House property informing the public of the historical nature of the property.

Christmas Holiday Project – We collected games and crafts on Sunday, November 1st and Sunday, November 15th at the Beach House. We will be giving them to PARC in lieu of the cancellation of the PARC Christmas party. Thank you to all members that participated in helping make the holiday's special for those in need. Terasa will call Karen Higgins to arrange the drop off date and time.

Christmas/Holiday Decorating at the Beach House – On Sunday December 6th from 12:00 noon to 3pm members will meet at the Beach House to decorate the outside of the front of the house with lights and other decorations. We need strings of outdoor lights, garland and bows. If you have any extra decorations you would be willing to donate we would appreciate it. Bring your own food and drink and stay afterward to socialize. All member events can be found here <https://stpetecivitan.org/member-events/>.

Motions

There was a motion to take nominations for the President Elect and Secretary positions in the club. Members can nominate other members or self nominate. If you nominate someone please ensure they are aware and agree to fulfill the duties of the office they are seeking. All nominations must be received by 12 noon on Wednesday, December 2nd. Send all nominations to civitan19@gmail.com.

Members will be apprised of the nominees by end of day on December 2nd and the voting will close on Wednesday, December 9th. Members may vote via email or at the Club Business Meeting on December 9th. Details will follow once we have the nominees. This motion was passed unanimously with 5 YES votes and 0 NO votes.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on December 9th at 5:30pm at the Civitan Beach House. Members are welcome to attend.