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# St. Petersburg Civitan Club Board of Directors

## Meeting Minutes

February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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### Call to order

A meeting of the St. Petersburg Civitan Club Board of Directors was held at the Beach House at 18604 Gulf Blvd, Indian Shores FL 33785 on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Board members that were present were Terasa Heckert, Norm Bungard, Lauren Heckert, Bonnie Ruth and Jan Ward. Also present was Pete Meydag. Magda Rodriquez was absent. Terasa opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Civitan Motto. Norm Bungard gave the invocation.

### Reports

**President** – Terasa reported member Greg Maurer and his children took time to remove the built up sand on the walk path to the beach. It was needed and much appreciated. Greg and his wife Lisa are teaching social responsibility, volunteerism and giving back to others. Thank you Greg and Lisa!

**Secretary** – Last month's minutes were reviewed for omissions and updates. The minutes were then approved. We currently have 40 members. We have six new members going on the books in March. Dues paid by check for 2021 will remain at \$48/quarter. The discount period has passed so the yearly fee is now \$192. If paying via credit card, the dues are \$49.34 & \$197.38. There are currently 5 unpaid members. Those members will be removed from the roster before the end of February since they have failed to respond to email, voicemail and the dues invoices mailed in early January. Camp Redbird was granted access to the Beach House on July 28<sup>th</sup> by the Foundation Board. Camp Red Bird is a bereavement summer day camp for children ages 6-12 that have experienced the death of a parent, sibling, or primary caregiver.

**Treasurer** – Lauren Heckert reported our current balance in the Club account is \$10518.53. Fundraising activities in 2021 will be very important. All members are encouraged to give their time for any scheduled activities.

### New Business

**St. Patrick's Day Celebration** – On Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at noon, weather permitting, we will hold a St. Patrick's Day Party at the Beach House. The Club will supply corned beef and cabbage and water. If you want to bring your own food you may also do that if you don't feel comfortable with eating the corned beef. We understand the Covid-19 concerns but for those folks that want to show up we will be celebrating on the beach. The first 24 members arriving will receive a gift.

**100 Year Anniversary Celebration** – Planning for the event continues. 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 be held on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at the Beach House. Covid-19 concerns caused the change of venue from the Museum of History.

Lauren will contact Kelli's Catering to discuss alternate plans and come up with a written agreement.

**National Historical Society** – There was a public review meeting via webinar on Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 1:30pm ET. The review board voted and agrees that the Civitan Beach House meets the criteria for listing. The recommendation was forwarded to the National Parks Service, who will make the final decision.

**Clergy Appreciation & 4 Chaplains Award Week** – Clergy Appreciation Week is an international project of Civitan International, which honors local leaders of all faiths for their dedicated service to their

local communities. Since 1963, Civitan clubs around the world have set aside a week in February of each year to honor local faith leaders for their acts of service.

The project was inspired by the story of the Four Chaplains. On February 3, 1943, four military chaplains—a Methodist minister, a Catholic priest, a Reformed minister and a Jewish rabbi—sacrificed their lives in service to others on board the USS Dorchester. The troop transport ship, in route to Greenland, was hit by a torpedo. The four chaplains, George L. Fox, Alexander D. Goode, John P. Washington, and Clark V. Poling, removed their own life jackets to give to other passengers and locked arms in prayer for the safety of others as the ship submerged into the icy waters.

Norm Bungard put forth two nominees for this year's award. Frank Kelley the President of Civitan International and a past St. Petersburg Club member was nominated. Paul Russo the Director/CEO of the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System is the second nominee. Both nominees were voted on and unanimously accepted. Norm will reach out to them to notify them. November is the tentative celebration. The date is yet to be determined.

**New Member Applications** – Board members reviewed an application from Tammy Swift. She was approved and will be added to the International roster for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. Welcome to Civitan! As a reminder all new members need to attend an orientation. The next one is scheduled for March 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm prior to the St. Patrick's Day Celebration at the Beach House.

**Year End Report** – We reviewed the draft of the year-end report that will be mailed to each member along with a calendar of the events planned for the year. Most dates have not been determined yet but as they become clearer we will keep the members updated. This letter will go out within the next week.

**Club Meetings** – The board discussed the purpose of our meetings and the intended audience. In past years, the Club Business Meetings were limited to board members of both the Club and Foundation. The monthly Sunday Club Meeting (Social) was intended for all members. The board voted to go back to this structure. After a short meeting to recap the highlights of the Wednesday Business Meeting and upcoming events, there will be a Social time at the Sunday meeting. This should allow members to get caught up with Club news without spending hours at the Beach House unnecessarily. The board also discussed holding the business portion of the Sunday meetings open via Zoom. Members can then attend in person or on line. This will be set up and we will let you know how to access it.

## **Motions**

There was a motion to approve Tammy Swift as a new member. It was unanimously accepted, with 5 YES votes and 0 NO votes.

There was a motion to limit the monthly Club Business Meeting to Club and Foundation Board members. It was passed with 5 YES votes and 0 NO votes.

There was a motion to purchase a cake for the Sunday meetings to celebrate member birthdays. It was unanimously accepted, with 5 YES votes and 0 NO votes.

## **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 7:18pm.

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 5:30pm at the Civitan Beach House. The Business Meeting is for Club and Foundation Board members.