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# St. Petersburg Civitan Club Board of Directors

## Meeting Minutes

March 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 March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Board members that were present were Terasa Heckert, Norm Bungard, Lauren Heckert, Bonnie Ruth and Jan Ward. Magda Rodriguez was absent. Terasa opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Civitan Motto. Norm Bungard gave the invocation.

### Reports

**President** – Terasa received a package from CIRC thanking us for a donation that was made by the Uptown Civitan Club in our name. The donation was to commemorate the upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our club. There were bags and pens included. Norm Bungard will use these to hand out to new members at the orientations that will be held in the future. She also reviewed the upcoming St. Patrick's Day party at the Beach House on Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. The club will provide corned beef, cabbage and water. Members are welcome to bring their own food if they have Covid-19 concerns.

**Secretary** – Last month's minutes were reviewed for omissions and updates. The minutes were then approved. We currently have 43 members. Six new members were added on 3/10. Three members were removed as they indicated they were no longer interested in being Civitan Members.

**Treasurer** – Lauren Heckert reported our current balance in the Club account is \$10965.00. Fundraising activities in 2021 will be very important. All members are encouraged to give their time for any scheduled activities to fulfill their 2021 participation requirement.

### 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 St. Pete Civitan members and their guests. Invitations will be extended to members from the Civitan Clubs in Florida. 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 Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at the Beach House. Happy Hour is planned for 5pm with a buffet dinner served at 6pm. The committee is planning on giving out swag bags to guests.

**Flag Duty** – Member Bob O'Neil has volunteered to assume the duties of lowering and raising the flag when called for. In June on Flag Day on Monday June 14<sup>th</sup>, Norm suggested we have a flag ceremony to raise a new flag and dispose of the old one.

**Post Office Box** – The Post Office has raised the cost of maintaining a box from \$118 to \$146 per year. Bonnie Ruth suggested we approach the Foundation Board about splitting this cost as was intended since we both receive mail there. Lauren will review at the next Foundation Board meeting.

**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. This year we have 2 nominees. Norm is awaiting word from Paul Russo the

Director/CEO of the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System on a date that is suitable for his presentation. Frank Kelley the President of Civitan International and a past St. Petersburg Club member is planned to be presented on September 11<sup>th</sup> as his travel schedule allows. Norm has arranged for the plaques to be made by the Trophy Shoppe in Seminole. Lauren will take the logos to them this week.

**Centennial Party** – On Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> during History Awareness Month we will hold a Civitan Centennial Toast. There will be a party at the beach house to celebrate our official anniversary date of 4/12/1921. That is the day our club was chartered. There will be cupcakes and champagne for members. Because of Covid-19 concerns, the larger dinner celebration is scheduled for September.

**St. Petersburg City Council Proclamation** - The Mayor and City Council of St Petersburg will be recognizing our Club's 100 years of service with a proclamation to be delivered at the April 8th Council meeting. They will allow a few Civitan Members to attend. Bonnie Ruth is coordinating the guest list.

**Florida District Civitan Meeting** – The Florida District meeting is scheduled for September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> at the Beach House. On Saturday September 11<sup>th</sup> we will the Officer Installation Ceremony for 2022.

**Chit Chat Newsletter** – Jan Ward has volunteered to take on the Chit Chat distribution duties. The best distribution mechanism is being considered to help keep members better informed.

## **Motions**

There was a motion to vote by exception to allow some folks to forgo the 4 event participation requirement. We have a few members that do not live here year round. Covid-19 travel concerns are limiting their time in Pinellas County. It was unanimously accepted, with 5 YES votes and 0 NO votes. The board will review them on a case to case basis for those non residents.

## **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 7:03pm.

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 5:30pm at the Civitan Beach House. The Business Meeting is for Club and Foundation Board members.