
St. Petersburg Civitan Club Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

April 14th, 2021

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 April 14th, 2021. Board members that were present were Jan Ward, Norm Bungard, Lauren Heckert and Bonnie Ruth. Magda Rodriquez was absent. Jan opened the meeting with the Civitan Motto. Norm Bungard gave the invocation.

Reports

President – Jan wishes to thank all who helped on Sunday, April 11th with the Centennial Toast. She pointed out Member Karen Ashcraft who was a huge help in decorating. She went above and beyond giving her time for planning for this event.

Secretary – Last month's minutes were reviewed for omissions and updates. The minutes were then approved. We currently have 45 members. Two new members will be added on 4/30.

Treasurer – Lauren Heckert reported our current balance in the Club account is \$11722.86. The club generated \$691 from our public parking proceeds for March and April. 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. The financial report was approved by the board.

New Business

Brick Program – Jan Ward is heading up a program where members, past clients and vendors can purchase personalized bricks that will be placed at the entrance to the Beach House. The company is called That's My Brick!®. They are a family owned company with an A+ Better Business Bureau rating that has helped over 10,000 groups in all 50 states raise millions of dollars for their causes. Information will be mailed to each member, past client and vendors we work with.

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 11th 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. The final budget is being developed.

Police and Fire Awards – Theresa Pinnix will again coordinate the awards ceremonies with the Police and Fire Departments. Tentative dates are mid to late May. We will most likely hold the ceremonies outside like we did last year. Once we know the dates we will send out invitations so we know which members wish to attend.

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. Paul Russo the Director/CEO of the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System and Frank Kelley the President of Civitan International and a past St. Petersburg Club are this year's recipients. Both will be honored at the September 11th 100 Year Anniversary celebration.

Centennial Party – On Sunday, April 11th during History Awareness Month we held a Civitan Centennial Toast. There were 15 members and 5 guests in attendance. There was cupcakes and champagne for all in

attendance. The Board of Directors of the Foundation also gave presentations on their activities for the year as well as a financial update by Ron Wanek the Foundation Treasurer.

St. Petersburg City Council Proclamation - The Mayor and City Council of St Petersburg recognized our Club's 100 years of service with a proclamation that was read at the April 8th Council meeting. Jan Ward, Bonnie Ruth, Norm Bungard and MaryAnn Fisher represented Civitan.

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

Public Information – Norm Bungard and Pete Meydag will head up a small committee to determine direction for public information dissemination. Many folks still ask ‘What is Civitan?’ They are considering going to local groups and doing presentations to spread the word about our organization. Other ideas will be forthcoming as they are developed.

Bonnie Ruth Nomination for FL District Governor – Member Bonnie Ruth has been nominated for FL District Governor Elect for this year. Our club board gave a unanimous recommendation to the current FL District leadership supporting her election. She is planned to take over the Governor position for the 2022 year starting in October this year.

Public Parking – Our next planned public parking is planned for May 29th and 30th. If you can help please contact Lauren for the times you are available. We will start at 9am and run to 3pm each day. We have raised \$691 for the 5 days we held it this year so far.

Motions

The Civitan International Convention is being held in Jacksonville FL from July 7-10, 2021. There was a motion to vote to pay the registration fees for the Club board members that want to attend. The motion was passed unanimously with 4 YES votes and 0 NO votes.

There was a motion to accept two new members, Linda Moore & Laura Umile. It was unanimously accepted, with 4 YES votes and 0 NO votes.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on May 12th, 2021 at 5:30pm at the Civitan Beach House. The Business Meeting is open for Club and Foundation Board members.