
St. Petersburg Civitan Club Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

April 12th, 2022

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 12th, 2022. Board members that were present were Jan Ward, Norm Bungard, Lauren Heckert, Barbara Clark, Eddie Pringle, Karen Galinowski, Jeanne Davison, Pete Meydag, and Bonnie Ruth. Jan opened the meeting with the Civitan Motto. Norm Bungard gave the invocation. He also shared a vintage card inscribed with a quote by Albert Camus that helped him to effectively deal with life's challenges and urged others to find a line or quotation that would bring motivation and hope in their life.

Reports

President – Jan and Bonnie suggested inviting Mike Boylan, of Mike's Weather Page, to speak at the Civitan Club. His Facebook page has over a million followers. Bonnie thought he may have a heightened interest in speaking to the Club as he has a daughter with Down's Syndrome. Bonnie offered to extend the invitation and if he accepts, the board decided that it would take place on one of the upcoming Club social dates.

Bonnie expressed her wish for more regularly scheduled meetings as an alternative to parties so guests could be invited on days other than holidays. Pete explained the reasons the board chose 4 specific holiday dates - because the beach house was never booked on holidays and there was very poor participation at the monthly meetings. Pete also said the Foundation would allow additional available dates for club meetings if the board requested it. Bonnie stated any dates the Foundation reserved for Club meetings would be viewed as a donation and that the Foundation should consider recording it as such to increase their donation amount. In lieu of a receipt the Club could write a letter at the end of the year. Pete advised Bonnie to specify preferred dates for Club meetings to Lauren who would present them to the Foundation board.

Jan updated the board on the That's My Brick fundraiser project and Noah Colderan, who has agreed to install the remaining 20 brick orders for approximately \$400. Lauren agreed to post one final offer for anyone who may want to purchase a brick after which time the project would be ended.

Jan apprised the board of the upcoming International Civitan Convention that is scheduled for July 4-7, 2022, in San Antonio, TX. Civitan International will pay for one night at hotel (\$166) and one registration fee of \$250. Air fare not included. Jan offered this opportunity to any interested board member as she will not be attending. No board members expressed an interest in attending.

Jan stated that she, Barb, and Maria Christiano will organize the Fourth of July party including food, entertainment, invitations, etc. Pete volunteered to cook, and Karen offered her portable gas grill. Members will be asked to bring a side dish or dessert. Fireworks start at 9-930 pm. Barb will work with musicians about party times. Karen will tend bar. Lauren would acquire short term insurance for the day's event.

Secretary – Last month's minutes were reviewed for omissions and updates and approved. The club currently has forty-four members.

Treasurer – Lauren Heckert reported Deposits for March were \$587 from dues for Lanson, Puckett and Seymour; \$37.96 reimbursement from Foundation for lightbulbs and bathroom cleaner; \$207 (\$170 donated 50/50 tickets and \$37 in tips) from St. Patrick's Day party. Checks in March were \$160.29 for Chaplain Awards plaque. March Credit Card expenses were \$284.25 for Police & Fire awards, \$37.86 for corned beef & \$15.86 for potatoes/cabbage; \$104.35 for party insurance; \$82 paid to International for new member dues and \$44.43 for bowls & ginger beer. April had no deposits. April Checks were \$103.30 to Barb Clark for reimbursement for St. Patrick's Day party

expenses. Credit Card expenses were \$8.52 for 4 beach house keys for new members; \$225.50 for international insurance; \$775 International dues for third quarter. Current balance is \$11,825.79

New Business

New Member Application Darlene Zellner, friend of Barbara Clark, spends winters in Seminole and warmer months in Michigan was a teacher for the hearing impaired and later taught physically disabled students.

PARC Civitan Club – Bonnie and Jeanne recently met with PARC clients to form new PARC Civitan Challenge Club & currently have 13 members. Civitan International requires \$20.50 per member as an initiation fee before they will issue a charter. There would be no dues for first quarter. Dues would not be due until October 1, 2022. Bonnie explained that dues for a Challenge member are half-price - \$9 per quarter (\$36 a year) plus \$5.50 Civitan International liability insurance. 15 members minimum required to keep the club in good standing. Only annual club status reports are submitted. Bonnie wanted to propose to the Foundation to donate to PARC Civitan Club 3 years of dues for 15 members – total \$2,290 – donation would go to the St. Petersburg Civitan Club who would then send to PARC Civitan Club because St Pete Civitan Club is the club of record, the sponsoring club. Once the PARC Civitan Challenge Club has a checking account the Foundation could donate directly to it. Bonnie would control the club funds and has made a 5-year commitment to the club. Bonnie furnished this breakdown of costs for first year: \$307.50 to charter in July. Oct will need to collect \$135, \$ 217 for Jan 2023 (includes insurance), \$135 for April, \$135 for July. Lauren said he would present Bonnie’s request to the Foundation and although not guaranteed, it was highly likely they would approve the request as it supports the mission. After some discussion, the board agreed to support PARC Civitan Challenge Club for \$622.50 per year. Bonnie will acquire agreement for 15 people from Civitan International.

Social Events – Work Day Friday, April 15, Lauren will get quotes to repair the wooden doors damaged by the garbage truck, install new barn door to the kitchen, address an additional toilet for the ladies’ bathroom, and remove showers to make storage rooms. Jeanne suggested adding the installation of handicap bars in new bathroom stall. Lauren will contact Greg who has a trailer to haul a load of misc. trash items. Barb will send out Work Day notice, emphasizing the requirement to RSVP. Board scheduled the Work Day, 4-9pm on Tuesday, Oct. 18th

Open Discussion

Bonnie announced that the Civitan organization is restructuring. New focus will be on regions and regional leadership counsels. There will be 6 positions at the regional level that act as consultants to clubs. The St Pete Civitan Club would be Region 2 that includes Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina. New consultants include Member Development & Club Building, Club Engagement, Fundraising, Junior Civitan, Communications & Marketing with ad program, and a chairperson to oversee regional events. Civitan is looking for people to volunteer for these positions. The current Florida District will be dissolved. Dues in amount of 25% of Civitan International dues will be paid to new region account. Current District funds to be dispersed.

Eddie inquired about the award’s plaque for St Petersburg Mayor, Ken Welch. Norm indicated he had made multiple attempts to deliver the plaque with no success. Eddie said he would investigate the matter and provide Norm with a date and time to deliver.

Eddie said the Louise Graham Center would write a letter to the Foundation.

Motions

Jan made a motion to approve allocation of \$300 for Fourth of July party, Lauren seconded it. It passed with 9 Yes votes and 0 No votes.

There was a motion to accept the last month's minutes. Approved with 7 Yes votes and 0 No votes.

There was a motion to accept Darlene Zellner as a new member. Motion was accepted with 7 Yes votes and 0 No votes.

There was a motion to approve the financial commitment of \$622.50 a year to PARC Civitan Challenge Club. It passed with 7 Yes votes and 0 No votes.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:35pm.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on May 11th, 2022, at 3:00pm at the Beach House. The Business Meeting is open to Club and Foundation Board members.

Secretary – Barbara Clark

Approval Date: