

# St. Petersburg Civitan Club Board of Directors

## Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2024

### 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 on April 10th, 2024. Board members present were Jim Seymour, Jan Ward, Lauren Heckert, Norm Bungard, Barb Clark, Eddie Pringle, Jeanne Davison, and Karen Galinowski. Pete Meydag and Bonnie Ruth were also present. The board opened the meeting with the abbreviated Civitan Motto. Norm Bungard gave the invocation. His inspiration came from a passage that speaks specifically to the importance of unity in relationships. Amos 3:3 is a verse that states, "Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?" This simple question emphasizes the need for cooperation and collaboration between individuals in order to walk together harmoniously.

### Reports

**President** – Jim initiated the meeting by announcing the completion of the flyer for the future TopGolf fundraising event. Barb Clark confirmed that the flyer would be distributed to the membership after the meeting. Jim also reminded the board about the upcoming St. Petersburg Civitan Foundation's annual meeting, scheduled for Sunday, April 14.

Jim presented a \$260 check, which was raised during the St. Patrick's fundraising event on March 16. The club will donate this check to Freedom Farm & Therapy Center, a nonprofit organization that provides equine therapy for special needs individuals. Jim will personally deliver the check to the farm.

- Attendance Summary: Karen reported that a total of 57 people attended the St. Patrick's fundraiser event. This included 20 members and 37 guests.
- Action Items:
  - Jim proposed sending a thank you note via email to all attendees. The note should express gratitude for their participation and mention the upcoming events, specifically the next fundraising event and the next orientation.
  - Jim will collaborate with Barb to provide her with copies of the sign-in sheets, which she can then use to email the attendees.

**Secretary** – We now have fifty-four members.

**Treasurer** – The balance in the account is \$14,817.94. A March deposit of \$150 for Paul Palm dues. March checks comprised of \$104 for certificate of insurance and \$32.36 to Christina Modzelewski for reimbursement of food expenses for the St Patrick's fundraiser event. April deposit of \$9.36 was transfer from Foundation for paint brushes with a corresponding credit card charge of \$9.36. Another April deposit of \$173.73 for Maria Stafford's' membership dues and \$102 for Arnie Goldin dues. An April check of \$209.71 to Jim Seymour for reimbursement of St Patrick's fundraiser expenses. Additional April credit card charges included \$954 to Civitan International, \$238 for Regional dues.

Norm Bungard provided additional details regarding the Four Chaplains Award recipients' plaque, covering aspects such as color, size, and cost. After discussion, the board resolved to postpone the project until Norm obtains further information about the cost of adding future names to the plaque.

Bonnie Ruth provided an overview of the upcoming May 19<sup>th</sup> TopGolf fundraising event, which is sponsored by Civitan International. The St. Petersburg Civitan Club will actively participate in this event. This event serves as a pilot program, with all proceeds directed toward Civitan International charities. Civitan International holds the official contract with TopGolf for this event. Bonnie encouraged board members to spread the word and actively participate. Participation cost is \$200 per person, or \$175 each if part of a 6-person team. Karen Galinowski suggested that Bonnie reach out to golf leagues to recruit players. Sponsoring individual players is also an option. A prize for the winning 6-person team is still pending. Bonnie is actively seeking a business willing to donate to the event.

Lauren Heckert provided an update to the board regarding the upcoming volunteer Workday/Clean Up Day scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of this event is to perform necessary repairs and cleaning to the Beach House. Lauren has also assigned tasks to the volunteers who will be participating.

During the board meeting, there was a thorough discussion regarding potential modifications to the Beach House Policies. However, no conclusive decision by the St. Petersburg Foundation was reached at that time.

## **Motions**

There was a motion to accept the March meeting minutes that passed with 8 YES votes and 0 NO votes.

There was a motion to accept the Secretary's Report that passed with 8 YES votes and 0 NO votes.

There was a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report that passed with 8 YES votes and 0 NO votes.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting with 8 YES votes and 0 NO votes.

## **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.

The next meeting will be May 8, 2024, at 3:00pm at the Beach House. The Business Meeting is open to Club and Foundation Board members.

**Secretary – Barbara Clark**

**Approval Date:**

