

**PORT ST. LUCIE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.**  
**In-Person at the Botanical Gardens**  
**Minutes – January 25, 2022**

Meeting called to order by Chair Willnow at 12:12 PM. Pledge led at prior Annual Meeting.

**Present in person:** Wade Willnow, Patricia Christensen, Christine Williams, Dennis Grabhorn, Linda Bagley, Mary Dodge, Rochella Riordan, and Jack Kelly arrived at 12:25. By phone – Terissa Aronson and Maria Bordonaro

**Board Members Excused Absent:** Travis Walker

**Other attendees:** Richard McAfoos and Lyn Marino

**Establishment of Quorum:** There was a self-introduction of attendees.

**Additions or deletions to the Agenda:** No additions or deletions

**Approval of the Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Linda Bagley seconded by Christine Williams, motion passed unanimously.

**Consent Agenda:** Meeting Minutes for the regular meeting January 4, 2022.

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Patricia Christensen, seconded by Paula Lewis, motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: A motion was made to approve by Patricia Christensen, seconded by Linda Bagley, motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business:**

**Report on Historic Houses-** Renovations should have already begun; issues preventing this from happening has put everything three months behind. Patricia Christensen to meet with Jennifer Davis and Brad Keen about progress. Chair Willnow will also meet tomorrow with Davis and Keen.

**DAR Grant-** We will hear the decision by NSDAR the second week of May 2022. Information included on the application reported that PSL has 20% of the population is disabled and the museum cannot open without the elevator in place. Patricia Christensen offered assistance for any additional assistance needed. Rochella Riordan mentioned that some of the DAR members are very interested in volunteering in the museum after it is opened.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance Committee-** Past Treasurer Williams reported we received a \$25.00 donation from Jack Kelly along with a new business membership from Friends of Botanical Gardens in the amount of \$50.00. She will be meeting with Terissa to turn everything over to her.

**Membership-** Linda Bagley reported we have about half of our members from last year that have renewed their memberships. She has mailed out the statements.

**Brick Paver Fundraiser-** Four new brick sales to be entered. Also, the problem with the sales tax issue and PayPal has finally been resolved.

#### **Events Committee:**

- a. **Society Gatherings-** Maria Bordonaro reported the next gathering confirmed for February 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:30 pm and the cost is \$25.00. Patricia will do an invite.
- b. **History Lesson-** February 2, 2022, at 7:30, Chamber of Commerce. History books needed from Dennis before event.
- c. **Future Guest Speakers-** Jack Kelly to line up some interesting people, suggestions were made.

#### **Communications:**

- a. **Website-** Mary Dodge reported she will need to make necessary changes to new Board Member Positions.
- b. **Social Media-** Patricia Christensen asked that some Face book information go up about the bricks more frequently.
- c. **Newsletter-** Discussion was made to have an annual newsletter instead of quarterly. The 2021 Newsletter has been finished and is on the website. Chair Willnow to send out thank you letter of support to members.

#### **Other Actives:**

- a. **Archiving-** Wade Willnow reported another stash of CD's have been found to add to the rest.
- b. **Videos/Oral Histories-** Dennis Grabhorn reported he is ready to go as soon as we get people lined up to interview. He will email out a list of prospective people to interview with a list of questions to be asked. Wade Willnow suggested to record appropriate people to be interviewed by via cell phone if you run across them out in public. Reasoning is any interview even if not perfect is better than no interview and to just let them do the talking.

**Members to be Heard:** Chair Willnow stated our goal is to sell bricks this year. Mary Dodge suggested Sandpiper Bay Community residents need to be interviewed since they are the oldest community in PSL. Everyone should send list of names for people who need to be videoed to Dennis and Wade.

Discussion to order more Brick Paver Brochures tabled to the next meeting as how many to order needs to be determined.

Additional discussion regarding the Feb 16<sup>th</sup> speaker, Jack Kelly stating a possibility of getting Ken Mascara. Linda Bagley offered to make a basket for the Feb event and Rochella Riordan offered to donate some items.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Dennis Grabhorn, seconded by Jack Kelly. Meeting adjourned at 1:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Ann Smith, January 28, 2022