

PORT ST. LUCIE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

PSL Botanical Gardens

2410 Westmoreland Blvd, Port St. Lucie, FL 34952

Minutes – Tuesday February 22, 2022, at Noon

Meeting called to order by Chair Willnow at 12:01 PM. Pledge led by Willnow.

Board Members Present: Wade Willnow, Dennis Grabhorn, Barbara Ann Smith, Terissa Aronson, Patricia Christensen, Christine Williams, Linda Bagley, Rochella Riordan, Mary Dodge, Maria Bordonaro (by phone).

Board Members Absent: Jack Kelly, Travis Walker and Paula Lewis

Other attendees: Richard McAfoos

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

Additions or deletions to the Agenda – Item under new business – Resignation and Election

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

Consent Agenda: Meeting Minutes for January 2022 and Treasurer's Report for 2022.

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

Old Business:

Report on Historic Houses- Patricia Christensen reported temporary fencing will go up, water and sewer permit will be obtained. Wade Willnow participated in a walk-through tour of both buildings and reported that everything looked encouraging.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee- Treasurer Aronson reported we are a little behind in brick sales but otherwise everything looked good.

Membership- Linda Bagley reported we had 127 members the last two years, and we have fifty-one paid members for 2022. It was suggested that those unpaid be sent emails as a reminder to pay.

Brick Paver Fundraiser- Discussion to push brick sales. Mary Dodge suggested contacting Sandpiper Bay residents to purchase bricks. Linda Bagley suggested sending information about purchasing bricks to local businesses. Wade Willnow stated he will write something up.

Grants-Rochella Riordan reported the grant filled to NSDAR for the elevator was declined. She will investigate other grants approved in the past to see what to apply for next.

Museum-Members will be needed for a 2023 committee for the organization of the museum operations. Patricia stated she would like to have a meeting with those interested in assisting in the project.

Communications:

- a. **Website-** Mary Dodge reported web glitches have been fixed and news updated.
- b. **Social Media-** Unfortunately no brick sales.
- c. **Newsletter-** Patricia Christensen is waiting on information she can add. There was a discussion about the need for a newsletter. Wade suggested all communications that go out to direct to the website rather than have a separate newsletter.

Events:

- a. **Society Gatherings-**Maria Bordonaro reported the next gathering confirmed for May 18th.
- b. **Future Guest Speakers-** Patricia Christensen has lined up Mayor Hudson and her sister as the guest speakers at the May 18th gathering.

Other Actives:

- a. **Archiving-** status quo
- b. **Videos/Oral Histories-** Waiting to hear back from Vice Mayor Jolien Caraballo to get back with us, She is working to secure Room 188 in City Hall to possibly be used to interview city employees for a day or two.

New Business:

- a. **Creation of "Donation Tracking Committee-** Linda Bagley made a motion to make a Donation Tracking Committee seconded by Dennis Grabhorn, motion passed unanimously. Committee chair will be Barbara Ann Smith. Barbara Ann Smith and Rochella Riordan will assist with the recording of the donated items and values.
- b. **New Board Member to be Added-** It was reported that Paula Lewis resigned from the Board of Directors, leaving a vacancy. Patricia Christensen recommended Ashley Turco who expressed interest in being a Board member. Terissa Aronson made a motion to add Ashley Tuccio as a new board member, seconded by Patricia Christensen, motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Comments- Rochella Riordan mentioned when the museum opens several DAR members are willing to volunteer regularly.

Members to be Heard- Congratulations from Randy Green on the work that has been done by the Society.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Patricia Christensen, seconded by Rochella Riordan. Meeting adjourned at 12:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Ann Smith, March 12, 2022