

**PORT ST. LUCIE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.**  
**PSL Botanical Gardens**  
2410 Westmoreland Blvd, Port St. Lucie, FL 34952  
**Minutes – Tuesday March 29, 2022, at Noon**

Meeting called to order by Chair Willnow at 12:00PM. Pledge led by Willnow.

**Establishment of Quorum.** Roll was called by Linda Bagley.

**Board Members Present:** Wade Willnow, Terissa Aronson, Patricia Christensen, Christine Williams, Linda Bagley, Mary Dodge, Rochella Riordan, Ashley Tuccio, Jack Kelly and Barbara Ann Smith.

**Board Members Absent:** Travis Walker, Maria Bordonaro and Dennis Grabhorn

**Other attendees:** Richard McAfoos

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

**Consent Agenda:** Meeting Minutes for February 2022 and Treasurer's Report

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

**Old Business:**

**Report on Historic Houses-**Patricia Christensen reported she and Wade Willnow participated in a virtual meeting with Jenifer Davis and Brad Keen. On April 1<sup>st</sup> an nine-month clock for renovations will begin and after the lodge is CO'd, we can take possession of the building. Wadediscussed the possibility of wiring and installing indoor security cameras and requested a drawing for the inside of the building to see where they should be placed. Inquiries about the new benches to be installed having a period look presented to Brad Keen and he said he will investigate.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance Committee-**Treasurer Aronson reported we are a still quite behind in brick sales. Sales of \$1400.00 as of now.

**Membership-**Linda Bagley reported we have 10 new members from the St. Lucie Leadership meeting through the Chamber.

**Brick Paver Fundraiser-**Discussion to push brick sales. Mary Dodge again suggested contacting Sandpiper Bay residents to purchase bricks. She also stated she has updated the ad in the Gardens Newsletter. Mary Dodge made a motion to print 2500 more brochures at \$580., seconded by Linda Bagley, motion passed unanimously.

**Grants-**Rochella Riordan reported she has been researching DAR grants that have been approved over the last three years trying to figure out which grant is appropriate to apply for next.

**Museum:** Patricia Christensen held a Museum Committee meeting. Rochella Riordan, Ashley Tuccio, Christine Williams and Wade Willnow attended. A Field Guide for Museums was shared, other items discussed were a budget, learning kiosks and the security system. Rochella is contacting the curator at the Elliott to see if there is the possibility of assistance.

Rochella distributed information she received from the Elliott after the Museum Committee meeting and there was a brief discussion.

Another discussion about what to do with the ten-year-old history books, some possibilities were suggested but seemed the consensus was to sell them at the gift shop once the museum has opened.

#### **Communications:**

- a. **Website-** Mary Dodge added a section of news stories. Also stated the contact information requests are forwarded to Linda Bagley, Mary Dodge and Wade Willnow automatically.
- b. **Social Media-** Mary Dodge reported this is slow going.
- c. **Newsletter-**Patricia mentioned that at the last meeting it was decided not to have a newsletter, however she would like to rediscuss the issue. Most organizations have a newsletter. There was further discussion. Jack Kelly made a motion to have quarterly newsletters emailed to all members, Patricia Christensen seconded, motion passed unanimously. Jack suggested we add a photo or two from recent gatherings to up the interest in attending.

#### **Events:**

- a. **Society Gatherings-** The next gathering confirmed for May 18<sup>th</sup>. Linda Bagley offered to make a basket to raffle. There will also be a raffle of a brick for \$10 each ticket or 3 for \$20. It will be tried once to see how it goes. The funds will go into the brick fund to cover the cost of the brick. Any additional funds will go into the general fund.
- b. **Future Guest Speakers-** Patricia Christensen has lined up Mayor Hudson and her sister as the guest speakers at the May 18<sup>th</sup> gathering. Jack Kelly suggested we up the enthusiasm at the gatherings by getting more popular/better speakers on history of our area and get away from county officials.

#### **Other Actives:**

- a. **Archiving-**Mary Dodge reported she received a good size box of historic photos and information from William Case, from 1920's and 1930's.
- b. **Videos/Oral Histories-** Patricia Christensen stated we need to give several dates that will work for us to use room 180 at City Hall for interviews. Christine Williams will get with Dennis Grabhorn to figure out a few dates to give Mary Ann (Russ Blackburn's assistant) to see if the room is available to use.

**New Business:**

- a. **Signing of BOD resolution for Bank Signatory Changes-** Linda Bagley made a approve the resolution to authorize Wade and Terissa to become signatories on the PSLHS bank accounts, seconded by Patricia Christensen, motion passed unanimously. Form was signed and given to Wade Willnow, Barbara Ann Smith to email the 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes to Wade Willnow to have

**Board Member Comments-**Jack Kelly expressed concern about a conflict with the time of school board meetings being at the same time as our meetings, keeping him from attending possibly 25% of our meetings. He stated he will make it to as many meetings as possible.

**Members to be Heard-**Richard McAfoos expressed concern that the city is on its third generation of park benches and wondered if better quality benches may be needed. He also had questions about the filling of the annual report and an updated roster of directors.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Patricia Christensen, seconded by Christine Williams.Meeting adjourned at 1:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Ann Smith, March 30, 2022