

PORT ST. LUCIE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
Relocated to Hibachi Express since PSL Botanical Gardens was closed
1181 SE Port St Lucie Blvd, Port St Lucie, FL 34952
Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at noon

Meeting called to order by Chair Willnow at 12:05 PM. Pledge led by Willnow.

Board Members Present: Wade Willnow, Patricia Christensen, Dennis Grabhorn, Mary Dodge, attended in person. Maria Bordonaro, Christine Williams and Terissa Aronson all attended via zoom.

Board Members Absent: Travis Walker, Barbara Ann Smith, Rochella Riordan, Linda Bagley and Jack Kelly.

Other attendees: No other attendees.

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

Consent Agenda: Meeting Minutes for April 2022 and Treasurer Reports for May thru August.

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Dennis Grabhorn, seconded by Mary Dodge, motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Report on Historic Houses-Patricia Christensen reported that she attended a virtual meeting with Jennifer Davis, City CRA Director and Brad Kean, Asst. Parks Director. The "Lodge" is currently being worked on by the contractor. The outside paint color was chosen, and the building was painted a redwood color. The inside walls are being sanded, as well as the floors. There is unexpected water damage on the area which will be the porch. It is being repaired. The expected time frame for completion is April or May of 2023.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee-Treasurer Aronson no report other than the monthly financials which were approved in the consent agenda.

Membership-Linda Bagley was not present, however, there was discussion of a process to welcome new members with an email confirmation, when we have received their application and payment for new members, and a thank you email for existing members to confirm receipt of their membership renewal. It can be a form letter, sent via email. This needs to be discussed further to put the process in place.

Brick Paver Fundraiser- No report given.

Grants-Rochella Riordan was not present to give a report.

Museum: See above report made by Patricia Christensen.

Communications:

- a. **Website-** Mary Dodge reminded mentioned that the gathering advertised and promoted on the website and social media.
- b. **Social Media-** Several posts were made over the last few months.
- c. **Newsletter-**A fall newsletter will be published in October.

Events:

- a. **Society Gatherings-** Discussion about the October 15 Gathering. Invitations are sent out and will go out via email and social media several more times. Linda Bagley donated a huge basket to raffle. Member are asked to donate other items that can be raffled off also. Our speaker is Dewey Hudman. Jennifer Davis, City CRA Director has also asked to speak briefly on the historic homes.
- b. **Future Guest Speakers-** There was a discussion about future speakers. It was agreed upon that if anyone has a suggestion for speakers, they need to get with Wade. Wade reported that Jack Kelly wants to invite Sheriff Mascara. It was decided that the Sheriff would be a good speaker for February. Wade will get with Jack to confirm and finalize.

Other Actives:

- a. **Archiving-**Mary Dodge reported things were status quo for now.
- b. **Videos/Oral Histories-** Status Quo.

New Business: - None

Board Member Comments-Wade Willnow suggested a letter to be created asking for donations for the new museum from local big box retailers. Information to include that we are a 501 C3 (and include a copy of that) stating that all monies raised will go right back into our community. Also to be included will be the value of the donation and date.

Members to be Heard-none

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Dennis Grabhorn. Meeting adjourned at 1:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Christensen for Barbara Ann Smith, October 10, 2022