

PORT ST. LUCIE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens
2410 SE Westmoreland Blvd., PSL, FL 34952
Minutes – Tuesday October 25, 2022, at Noon

Meeting called to order by Chair Willnow at 12:06 PM. Pledge led by Willnow.

Board Members Present: Wade Willnow, Patricia Christensen, Linda Bagley, Mary Dodge, Rochella Riordan, Dennis Grabhorn, Maria Bordonaro and Barbara Ann Smith.

Board Members Absent: Christine Williams, Jack Kelly, Travis Walker and Terissa Aronson

Other attendees: Brea Hungon

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

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

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 the historical lodge may be ready by late spring. Sanding of the walls and floors are taking place at this time. A dishwasher will not be able to be installed because of plumbing issues. The 1950's two story house will not be available until the city finishes remediation, possibly three to five years. Mayor Shannon Martin has donated \$10,000.00 from her campaign fund. Councilwoman, Stephanie Morgan has donated \$1,000.00. We should recognize them for their donations.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee-Treasurer Aronson was absent but asked Patricia Christensen to mention the credit card system worked well and she was able to process everyone's admissions, raffle tickets and several new members, however did not have any new member applications. In the future new member applications need to be available at the check-in desk so we can obtain all information needed. We also need to have the History books on hand to give new members when they join.

Membership-Linda Bagley reported we have obtained over a dozen of new members since the summer. All new e-mail addresses will be shared with Wade Willnow and welcome e-mails will be sent to new members after joining.

Brick Paver Fundraiser-Maria Bordonaro reported one new order with a logo has been received.

Grants-Rochella Riordan reported she is waiting on estimates from vendors working on the historic houses, she cannot move forward without them to apply for the various grants. A thought she mentioned is that Home Depot gives grants to museums and we should look into that. She also mentioned many museums have mascots and an alligator may be an appropriate mascot for us.

Museum: Discussed under Historic Houses

Communications:

- a. **Website-** Mary Dodge announced the page is up to date. She moved the brick information up to the top.
- b. **Social Media-** Mary Dodge reported everything has been updated.
- c. **Newsletter-**Patricia mentioned that she will be sending the final draft for proof reading.

Events:

- a. **Society Gatherings-** The next gathering confirmed for December 14th. Patricia Christensen stated that Shannon Martin and Stephanie Morgan should both be invited.
- b. **Future Guest Speakers-** Wade Willnow stated he believes Ken Mascara will be a speaker for the February 15th gathering.

Other Actives:

- a. **Archiving-**Mary Dodge reported she is getting a lot done from home
- b. **Videos/Oral Histories-** Dennis Grabhorn announced he is going to begin to film our speakers from the gatherings starting in December.

New Business:

- a. **Thank You** suggestions for the donations from Mayor Shannon Martin and Councilwoman Stephanie Morgan are being considered...as we want to do something very nice for them. We are in need of a new Port St. Lucie Historic Video – River Park to where we are now is needed.

Board Member Comments-Patricia Christensen suggested emailing our members to see if anyone would like to donate items/gift cards to raffle baskets for the December gathering.

Rochella Riordan and Barbara Ann Smith offered to donate a basket as well.

Patricia Christensen will have flyers by the 5th or 6th for the December gathering.

An offer to get new members to join now and their membership will be good through December 2023.

Patricia Christensen said that she will schedule a Museum Committee meeting for sometime in November.

Members to be Heard-none

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Patricia Christensen, seconded by Linda Bagley adjourned at 1:19PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Ann Smith, November 5, 2022