

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

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

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

Board Members by Phone: Terissa Aronson

Board Members Absent: Jack Kelly and Travis Walker

Other Attendees: Richard McAfoos and Martin Zientz

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

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

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

Old Business:

Report on Historic Houses-Patricia Christensen explained nothing new to report as of the last board meeting...Supply chain issues are continuing to hold up progress. Fingers crossed for completion May 2023. She spoke with Jeff Chambers last month about the board meeting here at Botanical and he explained we could as long as one of the board members will be responsible for locking up.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee-Treasurer Aronson reported we are under budget this year, 1,400. Shy of what was expected for this time of the year. We should end up doing well by years end. We will probably exceed the budget for the year.

Membership-Linda Bagley reported we have received a few more memberships. Wade Willnow said an email will go out to current members and a general email to everyone else with a link to the website.

Brick Paver Fundraiser-status quo

Grants-No report

Museum: Patricia Christensen discussed the need to start having monthly museum meetings to plan inventory of items we have. We need to figure what we have so we know what we need to get. Re: trashcans, office supplies etc. Dennis Grabhorn stated we have items for the house and a few things for

the lodge. All of our storage areas are FULL. Wade Willnow suggested someone contact some of the new local storage facilities for donation of a storage space in exchange for us advertising their donation of space on our website and at events. Christine Williams offered to call around and get a possible storage space donated in exchange for adding them to our publications and a blurb on our website.

Communications:

- a. **Website-** Status quo
- b. **Social Media-** Mary Dodge reported everything is updated.
- c. **Newsletter-**Status quo

Events:

- a. **Society Gatherings-** Wade Wilnow stated he will be resending gathering information out a few more times...December 1st and once again before the 14th. Ugly sweater in place of a speaker this event. A sign up sheet with all information when new people join was suggested by Patricia Christensen. She stated this will prevent us not getting all of the information we must have for new members. Also brick paver flyers should be out on each table. We need several tables, one for sign in, one for baskets....
- 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 things are going a little slow right now.
- b. **Videos/Oral Histories-** Dennis Grabhorn discussed finding another spot for interviewing within the next month. He will tape the upcoming gathering.

New Business:

- a. **Thank You-**Patricia Christensen is still in need of suggestions to thank Mayor Shannon Martin and Councilwoman Stephanie Morgan for their generous donations. We need to do something special for them.

Board Member Comments-Wade Willnow stated next month is election time. Will need those last year annual meeting minutes. He will be sending out an email for serious inquiries to join the board. Two seats are up for grabs. He also mentioned we need to figure out some type of tier method of different types of memberships.

Patricia Christensen stated that Michelle Crawford of Rise and Shine has offered landscaping as a donation.

Members to be Heard-none

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Patricia Christensen, seconded by Linda Bagley adjourned at 12:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Ann Smith, December 8, 2022