

**PORT ST. LUCIE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.**

**Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens**

**Minutes – Tuesday, January 31, 2023, Immediately following the Annual Meeting**

Meeting called to order by Chair Christensen at 12:23 PM. Pledge led previous annual meeting.

**Board Members Present:** Patricia Christensen, Wade Willnow, BarbaraAnn Smith, Terissa Aronson, Dennis Grabhorn, Christine Williams, Jack Kelly, Linda Bagley, Rochella Riordan, Mary Dodge, Mart Zientz, Donitta Grabhorn and Deanne Davis.

**Board Members Absent:** Maria Bordonaro

**Other Attendees:** Richard McAfoos and Diane Zientz

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

**Consent Agenda:** Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Wade Willnow, seconded by Rochella Riordan, motion passed unanimously.

**Meeting Minutes for December, January 2022**

**Treasurers Report:** Terissa Aronson reminded everyone that thank you notes still need to be sent to Shannon Martin, Stephanie Morgan and Anthony Vaughn.

**Old Business:**

**Report on Historic Houses-**Patricia Christensen and Wade Willnow shared information about their meeting about the historic houses fixtures shipping delay is holding up progress. The two men working on the houses are doing their best to move as quickly as possible. The three office rooms are almost completed. Working on getting a larger transformer for electricity, to supply power to the whole site, including the playground and restaurant is slow going. Rochella Riordan mentioned she had been window shopping for 50's or 60's small household items. Wade Willnow asked to be updated on possible local storage facilities donating space in exchange for free memberships/advertising at events. Christine Williams reported that most had no room or that we would need to check with corporate for a donation or reduction in price. Suggestions were made to go to the corporate websites to do so.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance Committee-**Treasurer Aronson reported that dues notices are being sent. They are also being sent to past members who haven't renewed in a few years in hopes to have them rejoin and possibly purchase a brick.

**Membership-**Linda Bagley reported we have one new member today. She also reminded everyone of the importance of having the applications for membership be filled out completely with all information.

**Brick Paver Fundraiser-**received several orders, Jack Kelly mentioned he is in the process obtaining a large order. Marty Zientz asked if we had a sample brick and suggested to have it at the gathering so that people could see it. That may bring interest in new orders if they could see it in person.

**Grants-**No report

**Communications:**

- a. **Website-** Mary Dodge reported the site is up to date, history and history page being updated. She requested photos of new board members.
- b. **Social Media-** Suggestions were made for board members to share information with friends, also if anyone has any ideas, please suggest them. Everyone was encouraged to post photos of gatherings on their Facebook page to draw attention
- c. **Newsletter-**Patricia is working on the next newsletter.

**Events:**

- a. **Society Gatherings-** Jack Kelly reported Roger Orr will be speaking at the February 15 gathering. Linda suggested everyone bring something to raffle like wine or a gift card. A discussion was held about gatherings and the public. It was decided by consensus that the Christmas gathering be for members and their guests only and the rest of the gatherings be open to the public in order to attract new members Dennis Grabhorn suggested if we had more people coming to the gatherings we could attract new members and more brick sales.
- b. **Future Guest Speakers-** Jack Kelly mentioned he is in the process of getting Ken Mascara and/or Bobby Knowles for our next gathering in April

**Other Actives:**

- a. **Archiving-** status quo
- b. **Videos/Oral Histories-** Dennis Grabhorn discussed finding another spot for interviewing. He will tape the upcoming February gathering.

**Board Member Comments-** Jack Kelly announced he will be bringing Charlie D 'Agata to the gathering as his guest. Donitta Graben suggested possibly passing out membership information at the upcoming county fair. Discussion was held about the nearby banyan tree and concern about it NOT being removed. Jack Kelly asked for a consensus from the Board that if need be, we will support the city leave the tree and it not be removed. Everyone agreed.

**Members to be Heard-**none

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Wade Willnow, seconded by Terissa Aronson adjourned at 1:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Ann Smith, Secretary February 3, 2023