

PORT ST. LUCIE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens
2410 SE Westmoreland Blvd., PSL, FL 34952
Minutes – Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at Noon

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

Board Members Present: Patricia Christensen, Wade Willnow, BarbaraAnn Smith, Dennis Grabhorn, Christine Williams, Jack Kelly, Linda Bagley, Rochella Riordan, Mary Dodge, Maria Bordonaro, Marty Zientz, Donitta Graben and Deanne Davis.

Board Members Absent: Terissa Aronson

Other Attendees: Lyn Orr

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

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

Meeting Minutes for December, January 2023

Treasurers Report: Financials were emailed to board members

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

New Business:

- a. **Hospitality Committee:** Patricia Christensen expressed the need for a Hospitality Committee. New member correspondence is needed to work with membership committee. Other suggestions from members were to welcome members at the Gatherings and assist Terissa at the check-in. There was a consensus to form the committee. This will be a work in progress.

Committee Reports:

- a. **Finance Committee**-Discussion was held pertaining to the need to push brick sales. Donitta Graben and Deanne Davis are ready to attempt to promote sales with the forms they already have.
- b. **Membership**-Linda Bagley reported we have one new member since the February gathering, seven renewals. Discussion was held about introducing new members at gatherings.
- c. **Brick Paver Fundraiser**-Maria Bordonaro announced she will email updated purchased brick sales prior to the next board meeting. Wade Willnow mentioned the city will be providing four benches and that the area in front of each bench will be prime real estate! Those four areas will require corporate brick sales of \$10,000. or more. He is preparing a tier of prices for different levels of sponsorship.

Grants-Rochella Riordan reported she is looking into grants that are appropriate for the needs of the museum.

Museum Committee- Chair Christensen reported there was no new updates. It appeared renovations have slowed up as there hasn't been anyone at the houses in over a week working.

Communications:

- a. **Website-** Mary Dodge mentioned she attended the Sandpiper Bay Neighborhood meeting, mention was made about someone offering (tales of Sandpiper Bay) to add to our newsletter....
- b. **Social Media-** Photos from the February gathering have been posted.
- c. **Newsletter-**Patricia Christensen recently sent out the newsletter. Marty Zientz graciously offered to help write some articles to assist her in the future.

Events:

- a. **Society Gatherings-** Jack Kelly announced that Ken Mascara will be the speaker at the April 19th gathering and we should have a great turnout. There was additional discussion about having a summer event. A cookout type gathering with new members for a meet and greet is being considered. Further discussion will take place at next month's meeting.
- b. **Future Guest Speakers-** Discussion was held about a possible guest speakers. City Manager Jesus Merejo could be invited for October.

Other Actives:

- a. **Archiving-** Mary Dodge is still researching newspapers.com. Donitta Grabens is assisting Mary a few days a week archiving. Much is being accomplished.
- b. **Videos/Oral Histories-** Work in progress, still need to get Shannon Martin and Russ Blackburn along with the new city manager interviewed.

Board Member Comments- Christine Williams made a suggestion about a possible fundraiser idea, selling tickets to go to tour the Adams Ranch...possible ticket price of \$50. A thought for the future. Porta potties would be needed. A meal would be included. More information will be forth coming.

Jack Kelly asked if there were any board positions available. After learning there was one left he made a motion to nominate Lyn Orr to fill that position. Seconded by Wade Willnow, motion passed unanimously.

Patricia Christensen announced the new brochures have been ordered and will soon be in.

Members to be Heard- None

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Wade Willnow, seconded by Linda Bagley, adjourned at 1:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Ann Smith, Secretary February 28, 2023

