

PORT ST. LUCIE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens

2410 SE Westmoreland Blvd., PSL, FL 34952

Minutes – Tuesday, March 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, Mary Dodge, Maria Bordonaro, Marty Zientz, Donitta Graben.

Board Members Absent: Terissa Aronson, Rochella Riordan, Deanne Davis and Lyn Orr.

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

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

Meeting Minutes for February 2023: Motion to approve the February meeting minutes was made by Wade Willnow, seconded by Mary Dodge, motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report: Motion to approve the February Treasures Report made by Wade Willnow, seconded by Christine Williams, motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

PastPerfect Software: Mary Dodge explained the need for updating the Past Perfect Software from on site to online. For a little under \$800.00 per year along with a one-time set up fee of \$1,000.00 the museum will have free support with the web-addition program. It will also store all information entered automatically. This includes up to 10 individual log-ins available, we can also have the membership information included. It is an easy program for anyone to do at home.

Wade Willnow made a motion to purchase the updated PastPerfect Software Program, seconded by Marty Zientz, motion passed unanimously. Mary Dodge to purchase program and start to set- up right away.

Fundraising Idea: Patricia Christensen proposed an idea for a possible fundraiser in 2024, a Classic Car Show. Dennis Grabhorn mentioned that based on his experience with his own car, a show is a good way to raise money. Suggestions of a location are the Civic Center and Mets Stadium. Other ideas were discussed but only if the first two don't work out. Wade volunteered to chair the event. Marty Zientz, Christine Williams and Dennis Grabhorn to assist. Contact City Civic Center and/or stadium for free space donated for a charity fundraiser for the city birthday celebration/founder's day. Porta potties will need to be rented. Wade offered the Lions Club to sell beer and donate the proceeds to the museum. Food trucks could rent space. Entry fees for cars, raffles and 50/50 to raise funds. More information will be forthcoming.

Old Business:

Report on Historic Houses-Chair Christensen reported things are moving very slowly and it looks like we will not be in the building before Christmas.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee-Terissa Aronson will remain as official Treasurer and Christine Williams will take over the day-to-day paperwork as Terissa seeks a position on the School Board. We no longer have a bookkeeper.

Membership-Linda Bagley reported we have one new business membership and six new regular memberships from the booth on Saturday at the Botanical Gardens Event.

Brick Paver Fundraiser-Maria Bordonaro discussed brick sales have been updated. Wade Willnow presented a mapped printout of brick positions and discussed the different priced areas of bricks, will e-mail to the board members.

Grants-Rochella Riordan absent. No report.

Communications:

- a. **Website**- Mary Dodge asked for any new news and photos be sent to her.
- b. **Social Media**- Continued sharing on Facebook by everyone works great.
- c. **Newsletter**-Patricia Christensen and Marty Zientz are working on the newsletter.

Events:

- a. **Society Gatherings**- Jack Kelly announced that Ken Mascara will be our speaker for April 19th and we should have many guests attending. Patricia Christensen suggested donations of raffle items and gift cards needed. Linda Bagley offered to make a basket; Christine Williams offered donations to assist.
- b. **Future Guest Speakers**- Bobby Knowles for April.

Other Actives:

- a. **Archiving**- addressed at the beginning of the meeting.
- b. **Videos/Oral Histories**- Work in progress, checking on the availability of room 188 at City Hall. Discussed the possibility of going to some of the older individual's homes to interview since it is hard for some to travel.

Board Member Comments- Patricia Christensen thanked board members that assisted at our booth at the Botanical Gardens Event on Saturday. Christine Williams donated items from the Shell Bazaar, Linda Bagley put together a basket for raffle, 50/50 tickets were sold and \$109.00 was raised.

Wade Willnow shared he has collected some council meeting recordings/videos to add to archiving.

Members to be Heard-none.

Adjournment: meeting adjourned at 1:03PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Ann Smith, Secretary March 30, 2023