

PORT ST. LUCIE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
Minutes – Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at Noon
Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens

Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Willnow at 12:21 PM.

Board Members Present: Wade Willnow, Christine Williams, Marty Zientz, Donnita Graben, Dennis Grabhorn, Maria Bordonaro, Terissa Aronson. Jack Kelly arrived late. Patricia Christensen and Stephanie Morgan via Zoom

Board Member(s) Absent: Deanne Davis

Others in Attendance: Milt Koster and Richard McAfoos, (recording device)

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda: None

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

Meeting Minutes for November 2023: Motion to approve September meeting minutes was made by T. Aronsen, seconded by M. Bordonaro. Motion passed unanimously. There was no meeting in December due to the Christmas holidays.

Treasurer's Report: Christine Williams shared the financial statements for December and January with the members. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Donnita Graben, seconded by T. Aronson. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Comments: None.

New Business: None

Unfinished Business: Vice Chair Willnow reported on the Car Show. Shared the flyer. Waiting for more information from the City. Chair Christensen reported the city set the official date for the opening of the Port and Pioneer Park for June 15. A meeting will be held soon and W. Willnow and D. Grabhorn will be invited to attend further planning of the Car Show.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee.

Treasurer Christine Williams reported that the Raffle for the Christmas Tree Gift Card Raffle was a success. Over \$1500 raised in ticket sales and over \$700 in donations from the nights at the Gardens.

Membership Committee - Marty Zientz reported dues invoices were sent out and member renewals are coming in. We have two new members.

Brick Paver Fundraiser- Maria Bordonaro reported two new brick sales.

Grants- No report.

Museum Committee – Chair Patricia Christensen reported the building is almost done. There is a punch list being worked on. Screening of the porches, handicapped lift and lift station connections are some of

the items to be completed. The site is being cleaned and prepped for landscaping. Fence will be put in place in a few months. The Society will be able to move in and get organized sometime in March with our official opening in late April or early May.

Communications:

- a. **Website-** Chair Christensen stated the website is complete except for the Museum page. Traffic is up on the site. Dec, - 969, Jan. – 704. Last 7 days – 187.
- b. **Social Media-** Marty Zientz has been making more posts. Recommends everyone Like, Share, Comment.
- c. **Newsletter-** Chair Christensen stated the newsletter will be sent out during the first few days in February. Waiting for election information from the Annual Meeting to report.

Preservation Committee:

- a. **Archiving:** Dennis Graben attended the virtual class on archiving. We need the forms to begin assigning the proper numbers for future identification.
- b. **Videos/Oral History:** No report.

Events:

- a. **Society Gatherings-** The next Gathering is February 21. Michelle Franklin will be the speaker.
- b. **Future Guest Speakers-** J. Kelly said he had a speaker but will hold them off until April. Chair Christensen reported Rachel Heid has offered to arrange the next guest speaker.
- c. **Classic Car Show** – Report under Chair Comments
- d. **Other Events:**
 1. **Holiday Lights in the Gardens.** It was a great success. We had two weekends, and the third weekend was cancelled due to rain. There were many people showing interest in the museum.
 2. **St. Lucie History Festival** on January 13th in Fort Pierce. We were there but it was rained out.

Board Member Comments - C. Williams mentioned that we were going to have to vacate the storage bay that we were borrowing from the DAR by the end of the month. D. Grabhorn will see what is there and J. Kelly said we could store the items at Hawk Levy's storage with our display cases. Must be moved out by the 25th of February.

Adjournment: meeting adjourned at 12:57 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Christensen, for the Secretary, February 3, 2024