

PORT ST. LUCIE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
Minutes – Tuesday, February 27, 2024
Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens

Meeting called to order by Chair Christensen at 12:01 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Members Present/Quorum Established: Wade Willnow, Patricia Christensen, Marty Zientz, Donnita Graben, Deanne Davis, Dennis Grabhorn and Terissa Aronson via Zoom, Maria Bordonaro arrived at 12:20.

Board Member(s) Absent: Jack Kelly, Christine Williams and Stephanie Morgan.

Others in Attendance: Richard McAfoos, (recording device).

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda: Item 8a was added by the Chair. Acceptance of Resignation by Linda Bagley.

Approval of the Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda with the addition of 8a was made by T. Aronson and seconded by W. Willnow, motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes for January: A discussion regarding the January minutes, specifically the Members to Be Heard section, took place. There was discussion by Board members on the action and whether minutes should be reported on Members to Be Heard comments. After discussion of the matter, a motion was made by W. Willnow to delete the Members to Be Heard section in the January minutes, and there will be no future reporting of Members to Be Heard comments in the minutes. The motion was seconded by M. Zientz. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: P. Christensen in the absence of C. Williams, distributed the Budget vs Actual report for January. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by W. Willnow, seconded by M. Bordonaro. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Comments: P. Christensen reported that the museum would be turned over to the Society in March, but it will not be on the first of March, as previously reported. It will be closer to the second week in March. City Staff reported to her that they would acquire a "loading" permit to assist in the Society to begin moving things into the building until a Certificate of Occupancy is granted. The outside will still be worked on, although the interior will be complete prior to the Society takeover.

New Business

8a. Acceptance of Resignation: A motion to accept the resignation of Linda Bagley was made by M. Zientz, seconded by W. Willnow. Motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business None

Committee Reports

- a. **Finance Committee:** No report in the absence of C. Williams
- b. **Membership Committee:** M. Zientz reported seventeen new members, which included two business members, four families and the remainder were individual members. There were four renewals at the Gathering.
- c. **Brick Paver Fundraiser:** Maria Bordonaro reported she will have a complete report at the next meeting.

- d. **Museum Committee:** D. Grabhorn said he and J. Kelly went and looked at the display cabinets. They come in multiple sizes. He inquired if we could go measure to see what sizes we need. P. Christensen stated she would hold a Museum Committee meeting next week and have more information on the move in dates. The members need to discuss the move in and setting up the security and phone.
- e. **Communications:**
 - I. **Website:** P. Christensen reported traffic on the website was 790 during February, with 190 in the last seven days.
 - II. **Social Media:** M. Zientz has been making more posts. They are getting more traction with everyone sharing and liking. He asked everyone to continue liking, sharing and commenting.
 - III. **Newsletter:** P. Christensen reported there will be a new issue out in early April, maybe late March.

Preservation Committee

- a. **Archiving:** D. Graben and D. Davis reported they are making progress, but it will be more effective once they are in the museum, and they can start pulling items for displays and exhibits. D. Graben also commented on the archive forms.
- b. **Videos/Oral History:** On hold until museum space is set up and usable.

Events

- a. **Gatherings:** The next Gathering should be April 17th. M Bordonaro asked if the date can be changed due to a conflict at the golf club. The date of April 10th was agreed upon by consensus of the members and M. Bordonaro will confirm with P. Christensen.
- b. **Future Guest Speakers:** P Christensen reported member R. Heid is arranging the next guest speaker. She will find out who the speaker is in a few days.
- c. **Museum Opening -June 15**
 - I. **Classic Car Show:** W. Willnow said things are progressing. He was part of a meeting with the City. He and D. Grabhorn will view the location to ensure there are enough spaces. A Car Show meeting should be held next week to tie up some loose ends. P. Christensen offered to assist with the flyer and registration form. Registration will be \$25 in advance, \$30 on the day of the event. It will be called Pride in My Ride. One hundred dash plaques for the first one hundred registrants.
 - II. **Museum Opening:** P. Christensen said the official opening for residents and guests would be on June 15 during the Port Fest. However, there may be a soft opening/ribbon cutting earlier, for members and dignitaries, probably in late April to coincide with the city's birthday.

Board Member Comments: None

Historical Society Member Comments: None

Adjournment: meeting adjourned at 1:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Christensen, for the Secretary, March 3, 2024