

James Island Pride

Minutes

January 15, 2015

In attendance: Grant Scurry, Gary Milliken, Inez Brown Crouch, Mary Beth Berry, Irene Gethers, Delia Washington, J. Eric Stewart, Anna Fludd

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 by Grant Scurry.

- I. James Island Arts Update: MB Berry
 - a. Auction scheduled for February 28 from 5:00 - 7:00
 - b. Artists are being contacted by Katherine Williams. We should have more artwork donated than we did last year.
 - c. Artists will receive 50% of each winning bid.
 - d. Dan O'Brien, teacher at West Ashley HS, has agreed to judge this year's student art competition.
 - e. Set up will begin at 9:00 AM on February 28. We will let everyone know at the next meeting on February 19 how much help we will need.
 - f. We intend to raffle a piece of art but this piece has not yet been obtained.
 - g. Everyone is encouraged to contact businesses or professionals in the area who might be willing to contribute to the event. All sponsors will receive full recognition and their logos will be displayed in all promotional materials. If you need an official request letter on town letterhead with the tax ID number, please let MB Berry know.
 - h. Requests for corporate funding in the amount of \$200 have been made to Harris Teeter and Publix.
- II. Budget report: Gary Milliken
 - a. We have submitted a budget request for FY 2015 - 2016 in the amount of \$3,000.
 - b. Line item amounts will be provided to everyone once the budget has been approved by council.
- III. A motion was made by Grant Scurry to approve the minutes and seconded by Gary Milliken.
- IV. Adopt A Highway:
 - a. Next pickup scheduled for February 7.
 - b. MB will contact Zaxby's for lunch donation. Backup will be Harris Teeter.
 - c. MB WILL ASK ERIN TO SEND EMAILS AND CREATE FB INVITATIONS. EMAILS SHOULD GO OUT BY JANUARY 26.
- V. Helping Hands Program Report
 - a. Castles Leland has completed his Eagle Scout requirements.
 - b. Discussion: how to proceed?
 1. Castles has created application forms, a checklist and has begun a guidebook.
 2. We should review these materials and adapt them as needed to give us the structure we need to go forward. Pat Hiott-Mason and MB Berry will begin this process and bring our suggestions to the committee at the next meeting for approval.

3. Equipment needs: Castles provided his own mowers, rakes and transportation. We will now have to provide those things ourselves. This will require action of Town Council.
4. Suggestions:
 - a. Contact landscaping companies to develop working relationships at a discounted rate. (NO ONE ASSIGNED)
 - b. Create a file of volunteers (other scout troops, church youth groups, adults) that could be called as needed. Pat Hiott Mason and MB Berry will begin this.
 - c. Establish a contact person at town hall to field requests. MARK JOHNSON HAS AGREED TO FILL THIS ROLE.
 - d. J. Eric Stewart suggested that we research grant funding possibilities. NO ONE ASSIGNED.

VI. Community Hero Award

- a. Grant announced all received applications and read them to the group.
 1. Kristi Reagor
 2. Trina Schulholtz
 3. J. Eric Stewart
- b. It was agreed that Rev. Barbour should be included among those under consideration.
- c. After discussion, it was agreed that all nominees should receive certificates.
- d. Vote will be taken by email to determine which of the nominees should receive the Golden Rake.
- e. Gary Milliken will place the award presentation on the agenda for the Town Council meeting on February 19.
- f. All nominees and their nominators and families should be contacted and encouraged to be present at that meeting. (NO ONE ASSIGNED)
- g. Grant will ask DeAnn Grayson to research costs and possible styles for a plaque to be permanently on display in Town Hall that will bear the names of all Community Heroes.
- h. Since the deadline for applications is January 31, it is possible that more nominations could be received. If so, we will be informed by email.

VII. Goals for 2015

- a. More public school engagement for litter pickups
 1. J. Eric Stewart agreed to contact Ft. Johnson MS.
 2. Inez Brown Crouch will contact James Island MS
- b. Church youth groups also should be engaged
 1. Gary will contact St. James Episcopal
 2. Inez will obtain a list of all churches / youth groups on the island.

VIII. Meeting was adjourned at 6:45.