



Minutes of James Island Pride Meeting
January 21, 2016 5:30-6:30 1238 B Camp Rd Charleston, SC 29412

In attendance: Mary Beth Berry, Inez Brown-Crouch, Pat Hiott-Mason, Stanley Kozikowski, Garrett Milliken, Cathy Moore, Grant Scurry, Delia Washington. Guest: Katy Calloway, J. Eric Stewart

- I. Approval of Minutes
Minutes of November 17, 2015 were approved unanimously.
- II. Community Hero
 - a. We received six nominations. One nominee was actually nominated twice by two different people, so the total number of nominees is five: Inez Brown-Crouch, Alan Laughlin, Sandye Williams, Ruth Williams, and Salvatore Coluccio.
 - b. The merits of each nomination were discussed and awards will be presented as follows:
 - i. All Nominees will receive Certificates
 - ii. Inez Brown-Crouch will receive the Golden Rake. (Thanks to last year's winner, J. Eric Stewart, for returning the Golden Rake!)
 - iii. Presentations will be made at the February 18 Town Council meeting.
 - iv. MB Berry will contact all nominees and nominators so they can plan to attend the meeting. Identity of the Golden Rake winner will not be disclosed prior to the presentation.
 - v. MB Berry will print certificates.
- III. Financial Report
 - a. Grant Scurry reported that we have spent \$877 so far. \$1,328 remains in the budget.
 - b. JIP Grant allocation
 - i. Garrett Milliken applied for a grant from Palmetto Pride to purchase tongs for use during litter pickups and T shirts to give to young people who participate.
 - ii. The grant was approved in the amount of \$1,050.
 - iii. It is a requirement of the grant that we participate in the Great American Clean Up in April. Our scheduled pickup on May 7 will suffice.
 - iv. Reports for the May 7 pickup will be sent to Deann Grayson (Adopt a Highway) and Garrett Milliken (Palmetto Pride).
- IV. Committee Reports
 - a. Adopt-A-Highway
 - i. Next scheduled pickup is Feb. 6, 2016 and will begin at 9:00.
 - ii. MB Berry will find a restaurant to provide lunch and contact Amy Ball, JICHS liaison.
 - iii. Inez Brown-Crouch will oversee the lunch beginning at 11:00.

- iv. MB Berry will contact Erin Black to create a FaceBook event page and an email campaign. **DONE.**
- b. Art Auction
- i. Third annual Silent Auction scheduled for Feb. 27 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm.
 - ii. Pat Hiott-Mason provided an overview of the event for guests.
 - iii. Jim Booth has donated a print again this year to be raffled at the auction.
 - iv. \$1,600 has been donated so far.
 - v. We will include elementary school art teachers, so proceeds this year will be divided between 10 teachers.
 - vi. Inez Brown-Crouch stated that we will need to seek out a larger venue in the future.
- c. Arbor Day (recap)
- i. Garrett Milliken described events at the last Arbor Day
 - ii. Event took place at Ft. Johnson Middle School. Students participated by reading original poems and the Ft. Johnson Middle School band provided music.
 - iii. Three trees Chinese Fringe Trees were planted.
 - iv. **Garrett observed that the trees planted last year might be experiencing problems. He will be looking into this.**
- d. Helping Hands
- i. MB Berry reported that the Helping Hands committee met and is preparing a calendar of proposed Service Day dates. This calendar will be given to all volunteer groups that provided service this past year and also to other volunteer groups who will be invited to participate this year. Service will be provided when volunteers are available.
 - ii. **Garrett Milliken suggested contacting Cal Worthington at James Island Outreach to see if they might be potential participants in Service Days as volunteers. MB Berry will follow up on this.**
 - iii. Discussion:
 - 1. It will be necessary to have use of an additional mower.
 - 2. We have been using MB Berry's personal mower and it is no longer operational.
 - 3. The Berry's have suggested that Helping Hands use money remaining in the funds donated by the Women of the Huguenot Church to contribute to the purchase of a new mower. The Berry's would pay the remaining cost, house the mower, make the mower available for service days, and transfer the mower to James Island Pride when they sell their house.
 - 4. This item should be on the agenda for vote in February.
- V. Old/New Business
- a. New Logo discussion
- i. Inquire of Erin Black or Katherine Williams would be interested and able to contribute designs for consideration. **MB Berry will contact them. DONE.**
 - ii. New logo should be simple, clear and limited to two colors.
 - iii. **Pat Hiott-Mason thought she might know someone who would be willing to take this on and will contact this person.**
 - iv. Any designs obtained should be brought in to the next meeting in February.
- b. Social Media/Branding Update
- i. **MB Berry will speak with Erin about social media. DONE**

- c. Water coolers will be needed for the Feb. 6 litter pickup. Garrett Milliken will get them from the Pinckney Park.
- d. Inez Brown-Crouch will see that events are advertised on the JI PSD signs on Folly Road and Harbor View Road.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30.