



James Island Pride Meeting
November 17, 2016 5:30 - 6:30 PM
1238 B Camp Road, Charleston SC 29412

In attendance: Mary Beth Berry, Inez Brown-Crouch, Henrietta Martin, Garrett Milliken, Pam Paxton, Grant Scurry, Katherine Williams.

- I. Order of Business
Grant Scurry called the meeting to order at 5:35.
- II. Approval of Minutes
Minutes of October 20, 2016 were approved.
- III. Financial Report
 1. Grant Scurry reported that as the end of October, balances in accounts were as follows.
 - a. James Island Pride: \$2,697
 - b. James Island Arts: \$1,061
 - c. Helping Hands: \$ 983
 2. An invoice from Erin Black in the amount of \$125 has been received. It was moved, second and passed unanimously to pay the invoice. Garrett Milliken will work with Ashley to arrange for payment.
- IV. Committee Reports
 1. Adopt-A-Highway
 - a. Next schedule pickup is February 4, 2016
 - b. Inez Brown-Crouch requested that we return to serving lunch rather than breakfast. Discussion resulted in general agreement.
 - c. All tasks must be assigned at the January meeting.
 - d. Grant reported statistics from last cleanup:
 1. Volunteers: 15

2. Bags collected: 24
3. Roads clean: Camp, Dills Bluff, Julian Clark neighborhood, Ft. Johnson, Secessionville and Harbor View.
- e. Pam Paxton requested that this information be posted on Facebook after each cleanup along with the photos that we always post.
- f. Discussion of magnet purchase for 2017
 1. Mary Beth Berry presented pricing comparisons.
 2. Concensus was to re-order the magnets of the same size and design as the 2016 version (business card size, 500 units @ \$.24)
 3. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved that the order be placed. Mary Beth will work with Ashley to arrange payment.
 4. Mary Beth suggested including a tire swing on the logo. Effort will be made to make that happen as long as the cost does not increase. Committee did not need to see a draft. Start time will remain at 9:00 AM.
 5. Magnets will be available for the February clean up

2. Arbor Day

Garrett Milliken presented preparations update

- a. JICHS students came to the site on Camp Road and painted the concrete wall in a representation of bricks, vines and birds. Further touchups will be carried out.
- b. Garrett thanked Henrietta, Inez, Stan Kozikowski and Susan Milliken for helping that activity.
- c. The property owner provided pizza for the students.
- d. The possible need for sealant was discussed to protect the art. Cost was prohibitive at present.
- e. All materials were donated by Lowe's and Sherwin Williams. Susan Milliken arranged for these donations.
- f. Crape myrtles and a live oak have been donated by Auckland Nursery in _____ and will be planted at the official Arbor Day ceremony.
- g. Garrett requested that James Island Pride contribute \$25 for refreshments at the Arbor Day celebration. This was approved.

3. Community Hero

- a. Erin has prepared an email announcement and a Facebook page to begin publicizing.
- b. Several members took Nominating forms.
- c. Garrett Milliken contributed one completed nomination.
- d. Copies will be made available in town hall.

4. James Island Arts

- a. Poetry at McLeod. Katherine Williams reported on the event.
 1. Workshop on Saturday was led by Kendra Hamilton and was well attended. Attendees provided feedback and all were positive. Try to include more students next time.
 2. Sunday weather was horrid, but 50 people attended.
 3. Twenty attendees returned response sheets. The total approval rating was "Very Satisfying." Half the audience was African American, half was white and included several children.
 4. Harris Teeter donated all of the refreshments in excess of the certificates they had given. The manager at this store needs to be thanked. Katherine will find the manager's name and Garrett will write the letter.
 5. Dinner at Thai Elephant was donated in part by the Poetry Society.
 6. Conclusion: Plan future events in a season when better weather could be expected.
 7. McLeod is strongly interested in further events particularly focusing on African American culture.
 8. Inez Brown-Crouch suggested planning a schedule for the entire year.
 9. Katherine Williams expressed appreciation of the City of Charleston for providing the grant and for their supportive attitude. Charleston County Parks and McLeod staff also provided outstanding assistance in preparation and on the day.
 10. Funding discussion. Grant Scurry informed us that banks generally make financial assistance decisions in October, for future planning.
 11. Katherine will approach some corporations to fund the admission fee so that everyone can come to these events for free.

b. Art Auction

1. Location discussion: committee concludes to continue using Town Hall as long as possible as this is a community center. New Town Hall will provide a new opportunity.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Berry, Secretary
James Island Pride