

James Island Pride
Minutes of Regular Meeting
November 19, 2015

1. In attendance: Grant Scurry, Garrett Milliken, Giovanni Richardson
2. Vote on minutes
Minutes 10/15 were reviewed and voted on.
3. Adopt-a-Highway Review
Held on 11/7. We collected a total of 60+ bags of trash during the weekend. A thank you letter needs to go out to Paisano's. The next Adopt A Highway litter pickup is scheduled for 2/7. We want to target churches, schools, & neighborhoods to get the word out.
4. Arbor Day
Will be held on 12/4 at Fort Johnson Middle School, 1:00-2:30. There will be a reception afterwards for the students and band. Gary Milliken, Mayor Woolsey and Mrs. Woolsey will speak, followed by five students reading poetry, the band performance of selected songs, then the planting of 3 trees.
5. New Business
 - The 10,000 Trees organization is trying to get re-organized and the first meeting will be held on 12/1 4:00pm at 823 Meeting Street. Gary Milliken stated he would plan to attend.
 - A Grant for \$1,100 was sent in by Gary to Palmetto Pride and we should hear something soon.
 - We discussed the potential of putting together a JI Pride Info/Packet as a leave behind for people that do not use the internet, especially at the events we take part in (and included an invitation to join us).
 - The following reports on Helping Hands and the Harbor View Presbyterian Community Festival were submitted by Mary Beth Berry (not in attendance)
 - The last Service Day of 2015 took place on Saturday, 11/14. We serviced all six yards with help from the JICHS HOSA club and sponsor, Angie Nelson. We will begin again in the spring, possibly March.
 - Pat Hiott-Mason and Mary Beth Berry will meet to consider how best to organize this project for 2016 so that our resources and volunteers will be used most effectively.
 - The Harbor View Presbyterian Community Festival, 11/14/15, was poorly attended, much to the disappointment of the organizers. They usually hold the event in the spring and will probably do that again next year. Nonetheless, contact was made with the youth group leader and, as usual, face to face works much better than email. He will probably want to plan for his young folks to participate in Helping Hands next year.

- We added six names to the email list, took in \$12 in donations and gave away some T shirts to the donors.
- Attending these Community Festivals is always a good idea, especially if the sponsors are able to provide tables, chairs and tents as HVPC did. We should try to continue attending as many as possible.
- It was suggested that we contact the Aging Seniors Office (Stephanie Blunt is the director's name) for potential help on the Helping Hands.
- We decided that there will not be a December meeting due to the Holidays and the next meeting will be on 1/21.

6. Adjournment