

James Island Pride meeting

December 15, 2016

Present: Pat Hiott-Mason, Deann Grayson, Pam Paxton, Inez Brown couch and Garrett Millikin

In the absence of the committee head Garrett Millikin called the meeting to order at 5:35p.m. Five members of the committee were in attendance. The agenda and the minutes from the November 17 meeting were made available to each attending. The minutes were read for approval and one correction was made that the Millikin family donated the crape myrtle trees for the Arbor Day event. With the correction the minutes were approved.

Committee Reports:

The Adopt a Highway report was given by Deann Grayson. The next pick up is February 4, 2017. It was suggested that there be a vice chairperson appointed for this committee to share responsibilities. A motion was introduced and approved that the lunch after the trash pick-up for the volunteers be paid for out of the James Island Pride funds. Boy Scout Troop 44 is scheduled to have a Bar-B-Que event at Saint James

Church on that date and it was approved that the lunch be provided from this event. The food will be delivered by the leaders of the scouts to the Town Hall. For advertisement of the event, a banner will be hung at James Island Town Hall and also the information will be made available on the Town's Facebook.

Helping Hands report was given by Pat Hiott-Mason. At present Helping Hands program has seven clients. Since this program is dependent on volunteers the committee is always reaching out to the community for help. Pam Paxton suggested using signup.org for finding volunteers .The Helping hands Program consist of Mary Beth Berry, Pam Paxton and Pat Hiott-Mason. It was suggested that sub- committee meetings be held to help with the uncertainty of volunteers and planning. There is a need for another mower but storage is still a problem which has not been solved. In January there will be an opportunity to estimate needs for next year's budget. It was suggested that money should be budgeted for extra workers when the committee has no volunteers.

Pat Hiott-Mason reported on the Art Auction which was created to raise money to be donated to the twelve James Island art educators for art supplies. Pat reported that the committee is meeting and planning for this event to be held on February 25, 2017 at Town Hall. Garrett emphasized how important the evaluation forms for our events are in using this information when applying for grants.

Garrett Millikin reported on the success of Arbor Day and his hope for it to continue to be an important event for the Town. There was a brief discussion about the wall on Camp Road painted by high school students. Many felt that it was an important activity for the community to feel ownership and pride. One member of town council has expressed concerns about the painting. Inez thought that the students who worked on the wall mural should be recognized as a thank you. There was a discussion about where to plant the trees for next year's Arbor Day event. No decisions were made but the committee was asked to keep locations in mind for a suggestion.

New Business:

Garrett reminded the committee that it was time for the selection of Vice chairs for each subcommittee for the 2017 but due to the low attendance in the meeting it would be on the agenda for the January meeting.

Garrett announced that a community hero needs to be selected. No decision was made.

A 2017-2018 budget needs to be planned. A brief discussion followed but no decisions were made.

There was a discussion about the need for locations for discarding electronics. It was suggested by a committee member to combine recycling and clean up in the spring. Inez volunteered to speak with Robert Wise about this idea. It was suggested that information about electronic recycling be included in the community water bills. Pat Hiott-Mason asked for suggestions about discarding expired medications. Inez volunteered to research this problem.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Hiott-Mason, substituting secretary