



James Island Pride Minutes  
September 21, 2017, 5:30-6:30 1238 B Camp Rd Charleston, SC 29412

Attending: Amy Ball, Mary Beth Berry, Inez Brown-Crouch, Stan Kozikowski,  
Garrett Milliken

I Chair Amy Ball called the meeting order at 5:30 PM

## II Approval of Minutes

- A Minutes from August 17, 2017, were examined to review assignments.
  - 1 Contact with Goodwill was not made. The committee decided to postpone an action on this item until February, 2018.
  - 2 Garrett Milliken provided everyone copies of drafted By-Laws to be discussed at next meeting.
  - 3 Amy Ball announced that finding a Student representative to work with James Island Arts and James Island Pride is a work in progress.
- B Approval of Minutes was moved, seconded and approved.

## III Budget

- A James Island Pride balance: \$3,500 which does not include a \$500 donation from a private party
- B James Island Arts balance: \$2,005
- C Helping Hands balance: \$1,760 minus \$37.24, the cost of new Thank You cards.
- D Allocations listed in August minutes require an official request. Garrett Milliken will work with Merrell Roe on this.

## IV Committee Reports

- A **Adopt-A-Highway**
  - 1 Next regular AAH litter pickup is scheduled for Nov. 4.
  - 2 AAH might announce a re-scheduling of the pickup cancelled due to Irma. Decision to participate or not will be made once we receive that announcement.
  - 3 Charleston Moves has expressed interest in working with us on Nov. 4 to clean up bike lanes mainly on Harbor View. The Committee welcomes their participation.
  - 4 Everyone signed the AAH Adoption Form prepared by DeAnn Grayson. She will continue working with AAH on adopting additional road miles on the island.
- B **Helping Hands**
  - 1 A written report was handed out to everyone.
  - 2 Last Service Day was September 16 and volunteers were supplied by James Island Baptist Youth Group.
  - 3 A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.
  - 4 Inez Brown-Crouch requested that future reports be printed in a larger font. MB Berry will make every effort to produce readable reports in the future.

5 Next Service Day will be in October followed by the Fall/Winter Break until March.

6 Discussion of maintenance for mowers we use but do not own.

i MB Berry suggested providing the owners of mowers that we have used often with a credit from Lowe's allowing them to purchase spark plugs, filters, etc. Purpose: to thank them for their help and to encourage proper maintenance of mowers that we depend on.

ii Garrett Milliken indicated that if we choose gift cards, there are legal questions to be answered. He will provide answers to those questions at the next meeting.

**C James Island Arts**

1 Due to Irma the September 9 Poetry Reading had to be cancelled.

2 The next Workshop and Reading in the Series is scheduled for October 21 and 22. Kwoya Fagin Maples will be the featured poet.

**V Old Business**

A The deadline to apply for Palmetto Pride grants was 9-15, which has passed.

B Many other grant opportunities exist and should be explored.

**VI New Business**

A Arbor Day is the first Friday in December.

B Garrett Milliken presented an overview of status.

1 Location: Camp Road Middle School

2 Funds might be needed to purchase trees.

i The use of the Town Tree fund was mentioned as a possibility.

ii Amy Ball moved that James Island Pride allocate \$500 to be used towards purchase of trees. The motion was passed unanimously.

3 Inez Brown-Crouch and Stan Kozikowski volunteered to work with Garrett Milliken on tree selection, pre-planning and running the event.

C Discussion on extending the reach of James Island Pride into the community.

1 Amy Ball asked that everyone prepare a list of possible ideas for the next meeting.

2 Purpose: to increase participation on committees as well as in leadership positions and to increase public awareness of all of our activities.

3 Several ideas were mentioned. Further discussion will take place at next meeting.

i Have a table and handouts at Farmer's Market

ii Schedule a picnic.

iii Prepare a calendar of upcoming events that is easily handed out.

iv Contact youth groups or young adult groups at local churches.

v Visit the Senior Center

vi Develop a "Welcome Wagon" effort to welcome new residents.

vii Purchase Yard Signs that announce dates of litter pickups and other events.

Possibly arrange with high school student for put up and take down of signs.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 19. Amy Ball asked all committee coordinators to provide their reports in writing to her by October 12.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Berry  
Secretary  
James Island Pride