

HOMETOWN CIVITAN CLUB

The Villages, Florida

Meeting Minutes of August 2, 2022

Opening: A regular meeting at Evans Prairie CC Restaurant was called to order at 10:45 a.m. by President Mary Anderson who welcomed everyone then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Member Dana Buss was welcomed by Sharlene Floam, presented with a CI member pin and HCC name tag. Dana then spoke a bit about herself and how she came to The Villages. August birthdays were announced. Sharlene passed the Happy Box with \$18.00 being collected.

Program/Speaker: Lana Rosenburg introduced Keri Jo Pannella who is the Director of Development at Beacon College in Leesburg. In the arena of their mission and focus, Beacon is recognized as one of the foremost American liberal arts institutions in the undergraduate specialty of students with ADHD and other learning disabilities. She spoke of the students' accomplishments and developmental progress, preparing them for future careers.

Meeting – Old Business:

Community Service/Fundraiser – Laura McLaughlin reported that the Adopt-A-Precinct program is on track and ready to start work on August 13. Keeping the positions filled has been difficult this year and she thanked all who have stepped forward to help including new member Dana Buss.

2022 Civitan International Convention – Our club received the Honorable Mention award for both Outstanding Community Service Project and Outstanding Club Website. Mary will attach those award patches to our club banner.

Social –September 14, a tour at 11:00 a.m. of Ruth House with lunch served to attendees by the residents. Our only payment is a much-needed package of bathroom tissue per person. Lana will also look into having an outing at Beacon College.

Charities: Center Hill – Arlene thanked everyone for their contributions to the recent clothing drive for the two children and spoke about their urgent circumstance. Hand In Hand – The men's clothing drive continues at Evelyn & Arthur.

New Business: President-Elect Laura McLaughlin presented the 2022-2023 slate of candidates for the nine (9) board positions to the membership in attendance. She asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, she called for a vote. The slate of officers was approved by acclamation.

2022-2023 Board: President – Laura McLaughlin, President-Elect – Karen Goodman, Secretary – Judi Higbee, Treasurer – Paula Goldstein, Immediate Past President – Mary Anderson, Two-year-term Directors – Arlene Kaplan and Kay Dando, Initial one-year-term Directors – Sharlene Floam and Doris Field.

Board meetings are open to all Hometown members. Every Hometown member may volunteer for any position or to work in any capacity where they have an interest and are willing to serve. Any board member will be happy to provide further information.

Next Club Meetings & Programs:

Please mark your calendars with these upcoming events:

September 6 – Presentation of our annual charitable grants at Evans Prairie CC Restaurant.

September 10 – Florida District Annual Convention at Laurel Manor.

September 14 – Tour of Ruth House & Lunch in Eustis.

October 4 – Florida District Governor Bonnie Ruth will install our club officers for 2022-2023.

Special presentation of Business Leader of the Year award to Diane Hintzen, manager of Evelyn & Arthur, for her fundraising efforts that benefit PACE and Hand In Hand/Ruth House.

Adjournment: Mary led us in reciting the Civitan Creed. The meeting was adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted by Judi Higbee, Secretary on behalf of Mary Anderson, President.

Attendees: Mary Anderson, Dana Buss, Kay Dando, Lorna Etchison, Vicki Findley, Sharlene Floam, Paula Goldstein, Claire Gore, Beth Halstead, Chickie Holtzman, Ilene Hyams, Arlene Kaplan, Laura McLaughlin, Betty Rohan, Lana Rosenberg, Karen Schwering, Diane Seymour, Angela Vickers (18 members) and Speaker Keri Jo Pannella. (Thank you, Paula for taking attendance in my absence.)

Our Website www.HometownCivitanClub.com is an excellent source for our Calendar of Events, Latest News, Photos & Videos, Who We Are and How We Serve, New & All Members information.