

James Island Pride Minutes of Meeting January 16, 2020 5:30-6:30 pm James Island Town Hall

Attending: Amy Ball, Tony Hinson, Inez Brown-Crouch, DeAnn Grayson, Mark Johnson, Isabella Webster, Saylor Gaines and Garrett Milliken

- 1) Chair Amy Ball called meeting to Order at 5:35
- 2) Saylor Gaines was welcomed to the group.
- 3) Approval of November Minutes (Amy will send to Frances); there was no meeting in December.
- 4) Old Business
 - a) JI Pride Celebration on 2/8 after the AAH litter cleanup was guided by Inez. Amy gave Inez invitations that she will mail. Food will be chili and crackers, cupcakes, cheese cake and water or tea.
 - b) Garrett will do a brief history and slide show. Amy will bring her laptop. Garrett will check the paper products box for spoons.
 - c) Rain date is 2/15.
- 5) Financial Report
 - a) Garrett Milliken reported balances of \$2640 for JI Pride and \$350 for Helping Hands.
- 6) Mark Johnson requested help from JI Pride in finding volunteers for managing pet waste stations.
 - a) Changing liners behind JIPSD and resupplying waste bags...
- 7) Mark also presented his ideas for "citizen scientists" to help with water sampling from James Island Creek (5 locations. Test kits and training will be provided to volunteers who wish to help.
- 8) He also presented his ideas for a Tree Inventory that will likely involve the newly established tree advisory council.
- 9) Community Hero Awards (nominees)
 - 1. Keith Bolus (nominated by David Parler)
 - 2. Angela Childs-Kindred (nominated by Susan Milliken)
 - 3. Hal Hanvey (nominated by Kathy Woolsey)
 - 4. Arleen Stewart (nominated by Eric Stewart and David Parler)

- A. After discussion it was decided that all 4 nominees would be recognized with a certificate and "Hero Tree" in their honor. The hero tree GPS coordinates would be on the certificate and the tree will have near its base a brass marker engraved with the hero's name. Garrett will get the engravings done and post them. Amy will contact the recipients and their nominators and invite them to the Town Council Meeting scheduled for 2/20/20 at 7 pm.
- B. It was also decided that our heroes receive a location on the TOJI web site where their accomplishments could be shared and perhaps also a QR code for finding the information could be added to the certificate and tree marker.

10) Committee Reports

- A. Adopt-A-Highway AAH DeAnn
 - 1. Next pickup is February 8th. (2/15 rain date). Garrett will contact Erin for publicity.
- B. Helping Hands (Stan Kozikowski, subcommittee chair was out of Town)
- 11) Next meeting will be February 20th.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Garrett Milliken
Acting Secretary