

HOMETOWN CIVITAN CLUB MEETING

August 1, 2023 10:30 a.m. Evans Prairie CC Restaurant

OPENING - Pledge of Allegiance and Civitan Creed

Laura welcomed everyone and passed the Happy Box with \$19 being collected.

August Birthdays: Sandra Pugrant (1st) and Mary Anderson (8th)

June newsletter question: Who is this member? No one guessed that it was Diane Seymour!

PROGRAM: Laura introduced Alyssa Pernad, Research Coordinator for Precision Health Research Center of UF Health who told us of their upcoming focus group research study that will explore how aging is affecting our brain health. They need 400 participants to better understand the challenges and potential benefits of using skin biopsy technology to assess cognitive health. Alyssa distributed flyers and a couple of signup sheets, several of us provided our info to be contacted for an interview and general information session about their medical and scientific Alzheimer's research studies in Lady Lake.

BUSINESS MEETING

New Business:

1. Laura and Judi are working with CI to clarify our club's 501(c)(3) status with the IRS. A full report will be given to the club when available.
2. Our club's bylaws are being revised. When approved by our board of directors, the document will be sent to Civitan International for final approval. We are hoping to present them to club members at the December 5th meeting for adoption, followed by a 'small' celebration at our holiday party.
3. The slate of officers was presented for the next fiscal year. There is an opening on the Publicity & Communications committee, an opening for Steward to take responsibility for the club's property (banners and flag and creeds, etc.) and the President-Elect position is open. Laura asked for nominations or volunteers from the floor for any open position. Kris Tygrett volunteered to assume stewardship of the meeting materials.
4. Election of Officers and Directors. Laura asked for a show of hands in favor of the candidates, then any votes against. There being none against, she declared all candidates and volunteers to be elected for the Civitan year 2023 - 2024. That Organization Chart document is made a part of these minutes and attached hereto.

Upcoming Events:

1. The Hand In Hand/Ruth House "Purses of Purpose Ladies' Tea & Purse Auction" will be Saturday, September 16 from 10am to 1pm at Life Pointe Church, 3551 E. Orange Avenue in Eustis. Mark your calendars as this is lots of fun and a really special social event for club members to participate in. Tickets are \$50 per person or \$400 for a table - contact Allison at 352-638-0222.
2. There will be an opportunity for club members to participate in the Beacon College Parents Weekend this October 6th and 7th. Lana will have details later this month. Please save those dates as we are most excited about this new 'hands-on' charity project.
3. The Civitan Southeastern District will hold quarterly meetings in 3 separate venues in the coming fiscal year. Members from South Carolina, Georgia and Florida may elect to attend any of the meetings scheduled throughout the district. The Villages has been selected to host the October 21st meeting in the Madison Room of Laurel Manor. Please reserve that date so we have strong club participation. Details to follow.

Next Meeting: September 5th is our annual Grants Presentation meeting. Checks from our Adopt-A-Precinct fundraiser earnings will be presented to those charities selected by our Philanthropic Committee for this year's awards. We are hoping for 100% attendance as this is the culmination of our club's purpose, vision and mission.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, August 16, 9:30 a.m. at the Fruitland Park Library Community Room.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m. followed by lots of socializing over a delicious lunch.

Respectfully submitted by Judi Higbee, Secretary

ATTENDEES: Mary Anderson, Maureen Anderson, Penny Badolato, Margie Brower, Kay Dando, Karen Goodman, Judi Higbee, Ilene Hyams, Laura McLaughlin, Rebecca Randall, Betty Rohan, Lana Rosenberg, Karen Schwering, Diane Seymour, Kris Tygrett, Angela Vickers, guest Allison Long of Hand In Hand, and speaker Alyssa Pernad. (18)

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