**Sanford Historic Trust**

Minutes-General Membership Meeting: May 20, 2021

1. Call to order 7:01
2. Review/approve prior meeting minutes: 1st - Stephanie Pilk, 2nd – Cheryl Talamas, Approved
3. Reports
   1. President – Brent reported that we had an outstanding Garden Tour. It represented the community and was a showcase reflecting coming out of everything we went through in past year. Thanks to Caroline Garcia, Robin Theisen, Sarah Clore, Stephanie Pilk and the whole community. The financials were very promising and it gives us an expectation for the holiday Tour of Homes. The funds from the event will be used to work with the city to support Georgetown. We are exploring adding historic street toppers – nice way to advertise and identify their historic area.
   2. Treasurer - Wally reported that the balance is $48,318.64. We took in $1,000 in sponsorships for the calendar, $580 from the Garden Tour and $145 in membership fees.
   3. Committees
      1. Special Events - Sarah Clore & Robin Theisen reported on the Spring Garden Tour –

They were proud of the community coming together, the event was a great success. We appreciate the homeowners and local businesses that sold tickets and made donations. There are great reviews still coming in. Everyone enjoyed the event, the gardens were beautiful, and we far exceeded our goals. The total profit was $7,169. We sold over 500 tickets and the expenses were $1,500. If you have any feedback, please let them know. They are already looking for volunteers for next year – let us know if you’d like to get involved. Johnathan Shipper – from Florida Native Gardens, who was a presenter, sent an email thanking us for the event. He really enjoyed participating and wants to be a part every year. They give out grants for native flower projects and we will get with the city to see if there’s anything they can apply for. People came from outside Sanford and were really impressed. Cheryl Talamas mentioned that as homeowner they had a blast and would do again.

* + 1. Calendar – Doug reported that the Calendar is not a fundraiser, but we have a goal of collecting enough in sponsorships to print and promote Sanford. We are currently soliciting people to submit photos by July 9th. You may submit up to 3 black and white photos. Specs are available on the website. 13 photos will be selected in a blind judging by Sanford camera club. Wining photos will be framed and on display at Jeanine Taylor. There will be a reception to reveal the winners. We also need up to 3 more signature sponsors at $1,000, sponsors get 100 calendars to give away at their location. We also need Friends of the Calendar for $100 – open for anyone. They get their name on back of calendar. Also a save the date for $50, or 3 events for $125.

1. Old Business (None)
2. New Business
3. Thank You - Our Host, *Venue 520 on the Water*, and committee leads
4. Confirm next meeting date: June 17, 2021 | Location: CFL zoo
5. Other (any ad hoc motions or points of discussion)
6. Adjourn 1st - Sarah Libera, 2nd Stephanie Pilk. 7:18pm

Following the meeting:

Vicki from Venue 520 spoke about their facility

Presentation of Historic Preservation Awards