

2020 Pilot Scholarship House Foundation

Pilots,

I hope this finds you all safe and healthy. I am truly disappointed to have to share this report by email, but we as Pilots adapt to any situation.

Pilot Scholarship House Secretary Pat Furr prepared the minutes for our 2019 Annual Meeting held at the Park Inn on May 4, 2019. These were included in your packet that was emailed to you 30 days prior to convention. They are also available on our website.

The Treasurer's books for 2018-19 were audited and certified by audit committee chair, Cindy Paulin from the Space Coast Pilot Club of Titusville. A copy of the 2018-19 Audit was included in the PSHF Annual Meeting packet and has been accepted by the Board. The board would like to thank Cindy and audit committee members Hannah Morse and Diane Jones also from Space Coast Pilot Club for serving on this committee this year.

The Treasurer's books for 2019 - 2020 will be audited by an audit committee. Gail Hill, Pilot Club of Marianna has agreed to serve as chair of this committee. Thank you, Gail.

The 2020 - 2021 Budget was included in the PSHF Annual Meeting packet which is posted on our website and has been approved by the board.

As of March 31, 2020 we have raised \$62,938.00, 39% of the \$160,000.00 for our Strive For 5 Campaign.

There being no other nominations for two-year directors, I declare Julie Thompson and Ann Moreau elected by acclamation.

There being no other nominations for one-year director, I declare Connie Jones elected by acclamation.

There being no other nominations for treasurer, I declare Nancy Bierema elected by acclamation.

Congratulations to you all!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This year has been exciting with changes to move forward with our organization, and then challenging for several reasons, mainly the COVID-19 that has affected everyone. But we have accomplished a lot before we were quarantined.

At last year's annual meeting we unveiled a new website, which has been updated routinely with Pilot Scholarship House Foundation Forms and information. A link to this website is on the Florida District Website.

The board decided to increase communication with the Florida District Clubs. We hoped that a report from a club PSHF representative or the President would be given at each meeting instead of "no report". An email is sent out to the club's representative and the club president monthly around the 1st of every month. We thank these members for sharing this information.

We had 10 residents attend Fall Council representing Gresham Kite, Williams, and Mary Ellen Thomas houses. They enjoyed meeting or reacquainting with all the Pilots in attendance. The students were overwhelmed with the generous response to the house specific wish lists and the items they returned home with after this weekend. The students had so much fun, some are already planning on returning for the 2020 Fall Council.

Fall Council was also a very successful fundraising weekend for Pilot Scholarship House Foundation. Our 50/50 raised \$202.50, we sold \$15.00 in our membership pines, our gift card raffle raised \$2,089.00 and the DEC Quarter Auction raised \$1,145.25. Donations were received in the amount of \$661.00. Making our net raised at Fall Council \$4,112.75. Other than \$130.00 which was designated for Strive for 5, the remaining funds will be used for our operating budget. We appreciate all clubs and individuals that donated gift cards for our raffle and allowed it to be successful.

Fundraising for the Foundation had a first this year. Space Coast Pilot Club held their 1st Musical Review on February 15. All the funds raised from this event will be donated to Pilot Scholarship House Foundation. The members of Space Coast did an awesome job and the night was awesome! Thank you, Space Coast Pilot Club!

At the beginning of this year, the board decided to replace the brochure that has been used for several years. We thought a simpler conversation starter would be better for our organization. Thank you, Delores Spooner and Connie Jones, for working on this project. They presented the board their ideas, and after much discussion, all the members agreed on the final version at our February meeting. We pushed hard and distributed the card at Space Coast's musical revue one week later. We will have these available at Fall Council for all the clubs.

Through your donations for the houses, we were able to send each house items off their spring wish list. We spoke with house managers and asked what they needed most and what they wanted most. During our February meeting the board went shopping online for the houses. For most items we shopped on different sites to get the biggest bang for your bucks. Try this one day, 7 seasoned women shopping online for young adults. Before we left the meeting, all members of the board knew exactly what was being ordered and shipped. We felt accomplished and sure the residents would be happy, once they received their surprises!

The boys at the Williams house wanted a new dining room table and chairs so they could have meals together. Connie and Nancy worked with Dale at SSF with measurements and configuration. The Williams boys now have a table and chairs that will seat all of them together.

Delores worked with the girls at Laverne Weddle for their wants and needs. We shipped to them, two floor fans, a shark Navigator Vacuum, a meat defrosting tray, and a four-slice toaster. None of us on the board even knew that a meat defrosting tray existed.

Mary Ellen Thomas girls and Connie worked by phone to finalize their list during a break in our meeting. They received a new set of non-stick cookware, a coffee maker, plastic storage containers, and new silicone utensils to cook in the new cookware.

Shirley worked with the Gresham Kite house. They went with a different approach. If you have ever been to their campus, you know they need a mode of transportation. Their wish was for bikes. It seems that the previous bikes donated by other organizations have disappeared. They leave with the residents. The members of the board decided that we would purchase 10 bikes and 10 locks. We asked Suzanne as President of the Pilot Club of Naples, if they would donate 10 helmets. She also volunteered, Mike Nelson to provide education on bike safety and maintenance. The bikes will be marked as property of the Gresham Kite Pilot Scholarship House and will be there for current and future residents. Thank you, Mike Nelson, for also working on our behalf to purchase the bikes at a discounted rate through their local Walmart.

We also sent an additional \$1,500.00 to Southern Scholarship House Foundation to help with some of the repairs they have completed this year.

Pilot Scholarship House Foundation has been recognized this year by Southern Scholarship Foundation Giving Communities which celebrates individuals and organizations who exemplify the Foundation's Value and support the mission. For our lifetime giving of over \$100,000 we have been inducted into the President's Circle. Our yearly donations of over \$3,000 or more for two or more consecutive years made us members of the Dr. Mode L. Stone Scholarship Circle.

Our partnership with Southern Scholarship Foundation is important to our organization, and I know we all enjoy working with all of their members.

Covid-19 has uprooted life as we knew it, and this has also affected our residents. Southern Scholarship House Foundation made the decision to keep all of the houses open during this time. All of houses have residents staying in them. We are in contact with Southern Scholarship Foundation and we receive updates often. Our members have tried to maintain contact with the house managers, and we have just received an updated contact list from SSF. SSF is taking extra precautions and have instituted additional cleaning policies. Please note, that at this time, SSF has asked that the houses have no visitors. If you would like to send them anything, cleaning supplies, dinner, food, please have it shipped or delivered. We appreciate your support for our resident's during this difficult time for all of us.

I was hoping to share at District Convention, that SSF was moving forward in the planning of the 2nd house at FGCU. This is still on the table, however, due to COVID-19, their fundraising efforts are all going towards making up for losses of ongoing operating expenses during this crisis.

At Fall Council we put our Strive For 5 campaign on the back burner to raise funds for our operating funds. We are not where we would like to be with our operating funds yet. As an organization, we rely on donations and dues to meet our operating budget and we need to complete our Strive For 5 Campaign. At our February meeting, the board discussed how we can do both. We are asking, you as Pilots and clubs, when preparing your budget and plans of work this year, to please consider your donations for PSHF and send half for operating and half for Strive For 5. This will allow our organization to build funds for the two purposes.

Our final change this year, was done by the board in regard to our meetings. In the past we drive to our meetings, some members the night before, have our 4-hour meeting on Saturday and go home. Our members pay for our travel, food and lodging expenses. Three of our members also needed to be at the appointees meeting so we tried having our meeting the same weekend. We stayed in a separate house for the weekend. I am sad to say this was not the best option for our board meeting.

For our February meeting, Beverly suggested we rent a house through ARB for the weekend in central Florida. We arrived on Friday and stayed through Sunday. We all brought food to cook for all meals and plenty of snacks. The best part of the weekend other than working for PSHF, was getting to know each and every one on the board and enjoying fun nights together. We all thank Beverly for this wonderful weekend, I know we all enjoyed it and have planned our August meeting in Central Florida this next year.

Before we recognize those going off the board, I want to honor a dear friend and a member of this board that passed away at the beginning of the year, Past Governor Caroline Fallis. She was the sweetest lady I have known. She was always there for anyone. Caroline always found the good in every situation, even when her house was damaged by the hurricane. She is missed by all of us, and we also miss her baking.

Now I'd like to recognize the PSHF board members who are going off our board this year.

Beverly Shean, Pilot Club of Panama City. Thank you for your ideas, wisdom, and guidance especially during our transition with our investments. Thank you for bringing Jon to our meeting, he is an awesome chef. We appreciate you.

Lynn Vasicek, Space Coast Pilot Club. We appreciate your 3 years of dedication and participation. Thank you, Lynn.

Shirley Pyle, Pilot Club of Halifax Area. Thank you for agreeing to serve an additional year on the board this year. We appreciate your support and dedication to this foundation.

It is now my pleasure to introduce the recently elected 2020 – 2021 Pilot Scholarship House Foundation Board.

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| 2019 – 2021 President | Barbara McKenzie |
| 2019 – 2021 President Elect | Suzanne Lester |
| 2020 – 2021 Secretary | Mary Jane McMillen |
| 2020 – 2021 Treasurer | Nancy Bierema |
| 2019 – 2021 Director | Delores Spooner |
| 2020 – 2021 Director | Connie Jones |
| 2020 – 2022 Director | Julie Thompson |
| 2020 – 2022 Director | Ann Moreau |
| 2020 – 2021 DEC Liaison | Charlotte Edenfield, Pilot Club of Tallahassee |

Thank you all for serving on the Pilot Scholarship House Board. These are your foundation leaders for the next year. I know all of you will give them your support.

I am honored to be President of this foundation. Our foundation makes a difference in 77 lives each year, not only financially, but we develop relationships with our residents that may last lifetimes. We are helping each and every one of these resident's receive an education for life.

Thank you again Pilots for your continued support.

Barbara McKenzie
President