

# FRIPP ISLAND COMMUNITY CENTRE ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

## 2018 HIGHLIGHTS / 2019 OUTLOOK

- The Centre and Chapel continued to be the venue for many activities. We continued weekly Vespers services and had special services at Easter and Christmas. Each month, the FICC hosts between 90 and 100 activities by various groups, including meetings, concerts, presentations, exercise, and games. This year, we also were the site of five weddings, three memorial services, a christening and a number of special events that meet the needs of our membership community. The Fripp Island POA, PSD and residential ownership/management groups schedule their meetings here. We were the site for our precinct's primary and mid-term elections.
- Our semi-annual Treasure Sale was a big success! Thanks to the many volunteers, we were able to generate over \$13,000 for the Centre.
- Revenues and expenses were within budget for the year. We benefited from a concert performed by Dan and Randy McCormick (with special guests!).
- The Centre was spared from major damage from Hurricane Florence. We completed the installation of the last HVAC replacement system. We moved back the holding wall in front of the building to give more room for cars backing out of the parking spaces. The maintenance team identified and repaired (using contractors) a water leak in the closet, a hole in the roof, rotting siding on the chapel, installation of a defibrillator, and a number of other smaller items. We also improved the lighting in the parking areas and renovated the office.
- We hosted a number of special events in 2018. We held two electronics recycling, which helped residents get rid of their old technology, and co-sponsored (with the Women's Club) a document shredding event. We held a Health Fair, and had several blood drives. Chris Goodman again organized a wonderful Thanksgiving potluck dinner. And we hosted several special occasion dinners, including Good Friday, Mardi Gras, and Oktoberfest.
- The Community Care Group regularly visits folks who are semi-homebound and those who are experiencing various kinds of difficulties. In addition to caroling at Christmas, they delivered a special plant or flower at Easter, July 4th, and at Thanksgiving. They also send get well, thinking of you, and sympathy cards. Several new people joined the group this year. Please assist the group by alerting Page Miller if you know of someone who may appreciate a visit.
- The Library keeps fiction and non-fiction from 2003 forward. They take all older books and duplicates to the St. Helena library. They no longer take VHS tapes or music CDs, which has given more shelf space for DVD's and audio books, which are very popular.
- The Columbarium was renovated, thanks to an endowment from Thomas and Susan Bisanz. It will continue this year with the addition of a permanent fountain, a lawn renovation and further plantings. There were 9 niches sold in 2019 and we had two interments.
- We continued to upgrade the services available to users of the Centre. We began recycling of plastics, glass, and metal from events at the Centre. We purchased new plates for the kitchen and installed a defibrillator in Hammet Hall (training is scheduled for this year).

Looking ahead to 2019, the major activity at the Centre will be the expansion to give us a bigger and improved kitchen. The old space will then be converted to a meeting area and choir room. We expect to break ground for the addition in the Spring, and our hope is that the project is completed by the end of the year. We will put the finishing touches on the Columbarium renovation. We also expect to have a new website in place in a few months.

We thank everyone who has offered their time and service to the Centre during the last year, and look forward to making 2019 an even more successful year.