

**Friends of Delnor - Wiggins Pass State Park
Board Meeting Minutes: December 15, 2014
11:00 AM, CSO Room**

Board Members present/absent:

Present: Larry Beer, Marcia Byrd, Phil Nye, Ann Petrillo

Absent: Joe Gagnier, Elsie Morgan, Kathe Rasch - Quorum established

Staff Members present: Robert Steiger, Lori Heath Thorn

Proceedings:

The meeting was called to order at 11:04 AM by Ann Petrillo, President. The November 2014 minutes were approved.

Reports of officers/personnel:

President:

Ann requested that the Art Show Committee members stay in communication with the Board during the months preceding the event. Lori stated that JoAnn Linck plans to resign as the chair of this committee. A formal letter of resignation will follow.

Ann attended Ann Poincican's art show on December 13th. She sold \$250 worth of artwork and gave the Friends commission of \$50.

Treasurer:

Marcia reported on the finances in Kathe's absence. Kathe has contacted the couple who volunteered to do bookkeeping/accounting on Quickbooks for the Friends. They agreed to help us. Regarding the Art Show t-shirt quantity, Kathe will work with T-Shirt Express to determine sizes and quantity of shirts to order. Marcia reported that she had received a check for \$1000 to be used exclusively for the Children's Art Show. The donor wishes to remain anonymous. Marcia and Larry will deposit the recent membership checks - \$400 in Family memberships, \$75 for Individual memberships. Gene Byrd brokered the Rolex watches that were found at the Park and Beckner Jewelers wrote a check for \$2,720 to the Friends in receipt of these watches. Previously Certified Jewelers had put a value totaling \$1700 on the watches. Marcia sent a letter of appreciation to Alan Beckner and included a set of corporate gate passes. Additional checks that will be deposited include \$200 from Jay Thompson for the staff to use for lunches or suppers, \$5 from Bala Vinyasa Yoga, \$27.50 for purchase of a t-shirt and visor. \$190.30 in gate proceeds will also be deposited today.

Park Personnel:

Before the meeting, Bob and Ann worked on the 2015 Annual Program Plan for the state. Bob reported that all the required paperwork, including requests for use of the park on the dates of events, was completed and signed by Ann.

Representing the Art Show Committee, Lori requested that the Board approve the purchase of 12 new restaurant quality table cloths. The cost would be around \$360 at a minimum. It was suggested that we use the current tablecloths as a backup and request that the artists bring their own in the future. The Board did not approve purchase of new tablecloths.

Lori stated that Sue Huff has agreed to do the PR for the art shows.

Lori is sending out vendor permits to all vendors participating.

The Children's Art Show has 7 schools participating as of this date. We have two judges and Lori will contact Kathryn Eastlake to get a third judge from the UAC. The board did not approve t-shirts for the

Children's Art Show. Marcia will research what this would involve in the future should we want to sell t-shirts with the winner's artwork on them.

Unfinished Business:

Ann and Lori have been working to finalize the new Friends brochure. Final edits were made to the brochure and Lori will submit them to the designer. We will vote on the final copy at the next Board meeting.

New Business:

Since nobody has volunteered to be on the Board to fill the vacancies created by the Belfiori resignations, it was suggested that an ad be put in the newspaper to see if someone will volunteer. We were reminded that Donna got David Weinberger this way and the accountants also answered an ad in the paper. Lori got a copy of the Board application and will place the ad.

It was decided that the Nature Festival will return to the park as an event and that the Friends will support the event and sell the usual wares. There will be no activity tables.

Marcia will pick up some bags for popcorn for use at the art shows. Phil will take care of the ice cream for the two art shows.

Larry reported that he met with David Weinberger on November 19, 2014, to hear what he was thinking about membership procurement. David is interested in helping us get support from the corporate world. He is developing a plan and will present it at our next meeting. David is not interested in the management of membership detail.

Larry distributed notes on the meeting with State Park Service Personnel on December 8, 2014, at which time he rolled out our boardwalk dreams. Donald Forgione, Director of FPS and Valinda Subic, District 4 Chief gave us some time to hear about the boardwalk. Present at the meeting were Ann, Marcia, Larry, and Bob. Larry noted that Donald was interested in our ideas and was enthusiastic in his support, so much so that if the state had the money he would approve it for our boardwalk. He appreciated the fact that this would bring in more folks during the shoulder months and offer educational opportunities with interpretive signage. He gave his thoughts on how to break the project down into phases. He also mentioned that some parks use boardwalks over the wetlands and use paths elsewhere, saving money. It might be possible to use the berms along the water instead of boards. Larry and Bob are looking into this. District personnel are available to help us. The entire report will be on file in the CSO room as part of the proceedings of this meeting.

Adjournment: 12:40 PM