

**Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park
Board Meeting Minutes, January 2, 2023
Held at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park**

Board members present: Barb Craig, Eric Cosentino, Kathy Foster, Ursula Gibbons, Valerie Thompson **Absent:** Kim Finer, Heidi Gagnon, Kim Moody, and Donna Wallin (A quorum was established)

Park staff present: Manager Terrance Torvund and PSS David Baniak

President Ursula Gibbons called the meeting to order at 10:29 a.m.

President's Report: Ursula reported on the DWPSP Friends participation in the Koreshan State Park's Sunday Farmers' Market. 50 caps with the DWPSP embroidered logo on the front have been ordered in a variety of colors. The Board decided to offer the cap for a \$25.00 donation. If shipping to the donor was needed, an additional donation of \$10.00 would be requested.

Vice President's Report: Ursula reported that 145 "critters" have been requested and shipped since Hurricane Ian.

Secretary's Report: A request was made to add a word to the December 6 minutes to read . . ."I move that the Friends vote to set aside \$175,000 of the funds currently in our various accounts as a reserve fund to be used to fund a project that is part of the rebuild, refurbishment, and **reopening** of the Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park following the destruction caused by Hurricane Ian."

With the change, Kathy moved to approve the minutes; Barb seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Treasurer's Report: Eric reported on his conversation with the Board's CPA Paul Sands concerning a motion to restrict funds that was passed at the December 6 Board meeting. In his opinion, he could see no such restrictions in the Regulations for our Organization. Furthermore separating our funds and placing a restriction on the monies received could be/would be a burden from an accounting and administrative perspective. Following discussion, Eric made a motion to rescind the previous motion from December 6 that set aside \$175,000.00 in funds. Kathy seconded the motion to rescind the previous motion. In voting, Barb opposed the motion to rescind, all others approved. Funds for the rebuild, refurbishment and reopening will be drawn, upon Board approval, from the general fund.

In the November 31, 2022 and 2021 Comparative Balance Sheet, total assets were up \$36,716.52 for 2022. This increase is largely due to public support, donations, grants, and the return of the Wildlands and Wildlife Art Show. The P & L YTD Comparison for November 2022 vs. November 2021 shows Total Expenses and Total Income both increased.

Membership Chairperson: No report

Park Manager's Update:

- In restoration of the Park, the Contractor's team is currently sifting the sand and on track to be done with removal of debris by March.
- Terrance is working with FGCU Biologists and the Coastal Management Team to discuss replanting vegetation on the upland area of the beach
- Planners are researching and reviewing regulations and rules for rebuilding park infrastructure and structures.

Committee Reports:

Nomination Committee:

Committee Chair Donna Wallin sent emails to Friends members concerning the upcoming Board election. The most recent email included biographical information about four individuals on the list of candidates: Eric Cosentino, Kim Moody-Branham, Barb Craig, and Amy Modglin. At the meeting today, Barb Craig withdrew her name as a candidate. As a result of this withdrawal, there are three candidates that will be considered at the Membership Meeting, Eric, Kim and Amy. Additional nominations may be presented from the floor during the January 9 Membership Meeting.

With no further business, Eric made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Valerie seconded. Unanimous approval. Meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Upcoming Dates:

January 9 10:00 a.m. Annual Membership Meeting
Saint John's the Evangelist Catholic Church, Rome Room

January 9 Friends Board organizational meeting – following
Membership meeting.

February 6 10:00 a.m. Friends Board Meeting location TBA

Respectfully submitted by,
Valerie Thompson
Secretary

Approved: February 6, 2023