

**MINUTES of the Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park
Membership Meeting – November 14, 2016**

Board Members in attendance: Marcia Byrd, Milagros Dougan, Phil Nye, Ann Petrillo, Valerie Thompson
Board Members Absent: Larry Beer, Kathy Foster, Gabriella Miyamoto
Staff Members Present: Mark Nicoletti, Lori Heath Thorn

Alliene Liden conducted the 50/50.

Call to order: The meeting convened at 10:09 AM by Ann Petrillo, president. Quorum present.

Approval of Minutes: No minutes were available due to a lack of quorum at the previous meeting.

Reports from officers and staff:

President: Ann asked visitors and new members to introduce themselves. Likewise, board members introduced themselves. Bluebill Avenue will be closed for 6-8 weeks. The work involves putting power lines underground. Vanderbilt Drive will be closed till summer of 2018.

Treasurer: Milagros reported that in the last month \$1200 was collected. An anonymous gift of \$1000 to the Friends for the Children's Art Show was donated. To date we have \$56,000. Full reports were available for anyone wanting one.

Park Manager- Bob has resigned to head up Lover's Key State Park. Mark Nicoletti is handling some of the duties. He indicated that the state had not yet advertised the position. Bob worked at our park for 22 years.

Park Services Specialist – Lori thanked the Friends and volunteers for their help with the Nature Fest on October 29th. The Halloween theme brought many children to the event and it was a big success. The staff will continue to hold this event as close to Halloween as possible. Lori discussed the Art Show and how the sign-up sheets will work. The show is January 21st from 9-4.

Committee Reports:

Membership – Gabriella sent word that renewals are coming in slowly. She recommends renewing at the January meeting or any time sooner.

Art Show – Valerie explained the various jobs needed for the show. Drawings of Chance will be held again since it was very successful and generated a lot of enthusiasm. She asked for members to donate new items valued at \$20-\$25 or donate a gift card at that level. The artists' works include carving, ceramics, water colors, pen and ink, photography and more. This event is our only fund raiser.

Children's Art Show – February 25-26, 2017 are the dates. This is the fourth annual show. Marcia gave a brief overview of the event. Guidelines have been sent to all elementary school art teachers in Collier County and a Save the Date flyer was distributed to public school teachers at their August meeting. So far, only one teacher has responded. Lori will contact the art coordinator for the district to see if he will put out the word again. Caroline Brown and Ann Petrillo will co-chair the event with Marcia as chair.

Unfinished Business: The board continues to investigate the possibility of a beach or sunset party, hosted by the Friends. Todd Richards, concessionaire for the park came to board meeting to explain how he helps Lover's Key Friends put on various functions. The beach party ticket was \$85 per couple. It offered a meal, one drink, music, and free admittance to the park at sunset. The sunset party had instrumentalists come to the park to perform. That event was a BYOB. Both events provide an opportunity to get new members. The board is reviewing these possibilities. Todd helps with advertising. Lori will email her counterpart at Lover's Key to see what is needed of the volunteers.

New Business: December Holiday party/meeting will be held in the pavilion on December 12, 2016 at 5PM. We will honor Bob at that event.

50/50 winner – The winner received \$7.00

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM

Respectfully Submitted,
Marcia Byrd

Date Approved _____