

## Minutes of the Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park [unapproved]

### Membership Meeting – March 12, 2018

**Guest Speaker:** Ms. Rachael Kangas, Public Archeology Coordinator, SW Region, FL, Public Archeology Network

**Topic: Seeds and Weeds of Florida**

Ms. Kangas provided an informative overview of the early history of Southwest Florida and the flora and fauna of our region. Archeological studies are revealing more about the early inhabitants of SW Florida. She presented information about the Everglades area as well as the Ocean and Ocean Edge regions. We learned what early inhabitants of our area ate and what food resources they had in their environment.

#### **Business Meeting:**


**Board Members in attendance:** Larry Beer, Milagros Dougan, Kathy Foster, Phil Nye and Valerie Thompson

**Board Members Absent:** Marcia Byrd, Joe Gagnier and Gabriela Miyamoto

**Staff Members Present:** Lori Heath Thorn and Zach Lozano

**Call to order:** President Kathy Foster convened the meeting. A quorum was established.

#### **Reports from officers, staff and committees:**

- I. **President's Report:** Kathy thanked Marcia Byrd and the Children's' Art Show Committee members for planning and conducting a successful event. Past winners' artwork was displayed at the meeting.  
Kathy announced that the Friends organization has been selected to receive memorial donations for Ahlke Schmidt, a Naples resident who had enjoyed the Park for many years.
- II. **Vice President's Report:** no report
- III. **Secretary Report:**  The minutes from the February 12, 2018 Friends meeting were approved. Ann Petrillo made the motion for approval, Larry Beer seconded. The minutes were approved as written.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report:** Milagros reported the following:  
Total income as of February 28th of about \$6,000 is very similar to last year. Expenditures of \$2,300 exceeded last year expenses by about \$1,700 mainly because of higher apparel expenditures. Net income as of February 28th of \$3,700 is lower than last year because of the above factors. Total cash position is \$94,679.45 maintained at Everbank and Wells Fargo. Attached is the treasurer's report
- V. **Park Manager's Report:**
  - A question was raised concerning the condition of some of the Park roadways. Zach stated that these repairs are on the list for repair with state monies and is a project that the Friends would not normally fund.
  - Dredging: Park staff members are waiting to hear from Collier County about the timing for this project, it should begin sometime this month. The sand will be dredged from the pass and placed in the water near the beach with the hopes that the sand will be washed up in the waves and augment the existing beach.
  - Red tide has been present in the Park area. The staff and volunteers have been busy collecting dead fish and keeping the beach areas in good shape.

- Three new staff members have joined the Park team: Ranger James Aldridge, OPS Rangers Sara Grant and Justin Gilliland. New resident volunteers are Jim and Paula Rogers.
- Members presented questions: One of the members asked Zach about the red tide and the effects of sugar cane growing. Another member reported that the boardwalks in area 5 are in disrepair. Zach indicated boardwalks in area #5 are on the list of repairs. The boardwalk areas surrounding bathhouses 2 and 4 are the next project. Additionally, a member asked what the Collier County staff/deputies at entrance do. These individuals are paid by Collier County. When the park is closed they are to direct traffic back out to the road. Zach provided brief responses to the above questions and asked individuals to talk with him after the meeting.
- Kathy and Zach will be traveling to Honeymoon Island near Dunedin, FL for the Annual CSO District 4 Meeting where managers and Friends members share ideas about Friends groups' projects, events and issues and hear updates about Florida State Parks.

**VI. Membership Chair Report:** There are currently approximately 100 memberships (including family and individual) and membership has grown over the past year. A new sign that encourages visitors to join the Friends group is being placed at the entrance near the gatehouse. To increase convenience, new and renewing Friends memberships can be purchased at the gatehouse.

**VII. Committee Reports: Children's Art Show:** Ann Petrillo thanked the Park staff, volunteers and Friends members for all of their work that lead to a successful event. The 5<sup>th</sup> annual Children's Art Show included 156 pieces of artwork from 8 Collier County elementary schools. The 2019 Children's Art Show dates are February 23 and 24. Adult sized t-shirts with the blue crab design from last year's winner are available. Pricing: V-neck \$17.00, and conventional style \$12.00. An order list was distributed.

**VIII. New Business:**

- Kathy and Friends members welcomed resident volunteers Jim and Paula Rogers.
- Sign-up for the April 9 trip to Gasparilla Island State Park and Boca Grande has started. Invitations have been sent to members. To reserve a seat on the bus, members (and their guests) need to sign-up and make the \$35.00 payment. Checks may be dropped off at the gatehouse (in an envelope with "Friends Bus Trip" on it and the names of the people that are paying). The last day to reserve a seat is April 2.
- The Friends recognized Ranger Rosa Simone for her artistic work on the renovation of Lunetta.
- A clean up day is scheduled for April 2, the day following Easter. The Friends will sponsor the clean up event and provide some supplies. Lori will send out an email with details and ask people to sign up.

**IX. Old Business:** The Beach Bus shuttle had very little ridership in January; February some riders; and more ridership so far this month.

**X. Upcoming Dates:**

- 3/24 District 4 CSO meeting
- 4/2 Beach/Park Clean up (Lori will send out email to membership)
- 4/5 Board of Director's Meeting
- 4/9 Away Bus Trip for Friends -- Gasparilla Island State Park

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Valerie Thompson, Secretary

Date approved:

FRIENDS OF DELNOR-WIGGINS PASS STATE PARK

Treasurer's Report - March 5, 2018

<u>Financial Results</u>	31-Dec-17	31-Dec-16	\$ Change	28-Feb-18	28-Feb-17	\$ Change
Total Income	\$41,314.85	\$15,520.75	\$25,794.10	\$6,042.87	\$6,186.09	(\$143.22)
Total Expenses	\$19,142.88	\$9,587.03	\$9,555.85	\$2,346.49	\$672.55	\$1,673.94
Net Income	\$22,171.97	\$5,933.72	\$16,238.25	\$3,696.38	\$5,513.54	(\$1,817.16)

Cash Position

	Cash Position 12/31/2017	Cash Position 2/28/2018	Interest Income 2018	Interest Rate
<u>Wells Fargo</u>				
- Checking Account	\$10,353.65	\$14,147.77		
- Money Market Account	\$9,797.74	\$9,798.54	\$0.80	0.05%
<u>Everbank</u>				
- Money Market Account	\$25,336.58	\$25,854.10	\$17.52	0.41%
- Cash Dellora Garden	\$10,000.00	\$9,506.70	\$6.70	
- Certificates of Deposit				
- 3-Month	\$10,068.84	\$10,085.75	\$16.91	1.24%
- 6-Month	\$10,071.28	\$10,085.76	\$14.48	1.44%
- 1-Year	\$15,167.63	\$15,200.83	\$33.20	2.08%
Total	\$90,795.72	\$94,679.45	\$89.61	

Board Designated Funds

- June 2016	\$34,663.40
- February 2018	\$35,372.34 (Difference is interest income and \$264 of rounding when opening CDs)
Question	Do we want to increase Designated Funds?

Children's Art Show

Revenues	\$1,124.00
Expenses	\$708.76
Net	<u>\$415.24</u>

Other Revenues:

Apparel	\$342.50
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