

Friends of Delnor - Wiggins Pass State Park
Board Meeting Minutes: February 1, 2016
Monday 10 AM - Surf Colony Party Room

Board members present: Marcia Byrd, Kathy Foster, Gabriella Miyamoto, Ann Petrillo, Kathe Rasch

Board members absent: Larry Beer, Joe Gagnier, Phil Nye, Valerie Thompson

Staff present: Mark Nicoletti

Proceedings:

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 10:07 AM by Ann Petrillo, President. The January minutes were approved.

Reports of Officers:

President - Ann thanked everyone for the work done on the Art Show. She thanked Mark for suggesting the guitarist, Amber Crowley.

Treasurer – Kathe will speak on Wednesday to the accountant to secure year end reckoning. The board looked at the proposed budget from last year. There was discussion about income from recycling being down. Every other category on the expenditures was in line except we overspent in apparel. Park expenditures were looked at. The Art Show budget and accounting is attached here. A question was raised about a project to target this year. Suggestions were: Bulletin of events kiosk, gopher tortoise sign. Staff is to explore other projects and report back to the Board.

Park Manager and Park Services Specialist – Not present. Lori gave Mark volunteer sheets to renew. Those present signed the sheets. Mark reported on the recent loss of 12 feet of beach during the meteo tsunami. Picnic areas were underwater. One week later high tides again brought water in picnic areas. The Board is concerned about dredging and the straightening of the channel in regards to beach erosion. The channel is starting to meander again. The DEP has been contacted and a formal report published. Would getting a letter from the board have more punch than getting letters from individuals? We will wait to hear from Bob regarding writing a letter and where it goes.

Reports of Committees:

Art Show – Valerie was out of the country. Kathy thanked the Friends/volunteers, park staff/rangers especially those who handed out bookmarks for working hard to make the Art Show a success. She thanked the board for supporting the committee and its decisions. The beautiful day worked for and against us - good attendance but the park closed one hour into the show. Naples Beach Adventures cancelled 10 days before the show but Joneses Barbecue came to the rescue. Kathy asked them for a minimum of \$100 donation which they contributed. Kathy read a list of what was done differently this year. The signs outside of the park were a good addition. The raffle brought in \$485.10. In checking attendance records of the previous year, there were 149 additional people this year. All of the publicity efforts were compiled in a notebook which was passed around. The Art Show accounting was presented and is attached here. Profit was \$3028.26. The committee will meet to debrief on Feb. 25th at 9:30 AM.

Children's Art show – Marcia reported that 7 schools have signed up for the show. Lori will circulate a work schedule at the Membership meeting. T-shirts are in process. Three judges are selected. Ribbons will be ordered. Larry managed production of the banner. All t-shirts will be on sale at the show in addition to caps, visors, water, and popcorn. Rangers' Pick was added last year and will have two ribbons this year. Lori and Marcia will work on last minute details next week.

Unfinished Business:

Membership – Gabriella reported that we have 49 members and 8 are new. She suggested that we find ways to promote membership citing some projects that are visible. She suggested that we consider a project that we can point to so that folks can see something concrete that the Friends are doing.

Rookery Bay Coastal Forum – The next forum is on February 9th at 6:45 at the pavilion. Marcus Henning will speak on Sea Turtles in Southwest Florida. A few volunteers are needed to broker t-shirts, memberships, water, and to run the raffle.

Field trip – Bob is working on plans for a trip to The Barnacle in March

Shirts for beach stewards – Marcia will investigate Columbia type Beach shirts that can be imprinted on the back.

New Business:

Park Budget- The board reviewed the budget request for 2016 from the Park manager 2016. It is similar to last year's request.

PR information from Sue Huff – The board discussed using Sue Huff to do promotions of the Nature Fest and of the Children's Art Show. It was suggested that the board fund the promotion for the Nature Fest, giving Lori assistance in that area. Consensus was that it is OK to continue using Sue Huff as our publicist as long as she provides a list of what resulted from her efforts. Her rate for us is the non-profit rate.

Purchase of caps – The board approved purchase of caps to sell at events and meetings. Marcia will order them a dozen of each of 4 colors.

Adjournment : 12:06 PM

Respectfully submitted, Marcia Byrd, Secretary

Date Approved 3.7.16