

Friends of Delnor - Wiggins Pass State Park
Board Meeting Minutes: Dec 4, 2017
Monday 10 AM – CSO Room

Board members present: Larry Beer, Marcia Byrd, Milagros Dougan, Kathy Foster, Joe Gagnier, Gabriella Miyamoto, Phil Nye, Valerie Thompson

Board members absent: Ann Petrillo **Staff present:** Zach Lozano

Officer/Staff Reports:

President – Kathy convened the meeting at 10:03 AM. She noted that the Friends memberships are now available for sale at the gate house. She passed around the accomplishments for 2017. The new sign for the park, replacing the one taken out by hurricane Irma, has been installed by Terry Nowak.

Vice President – Valerie gave the 30th Anniversary report- thanked Milagros, Marcia, Ann – committee, Kathy, and Larry with Mark for working on the lighting. Thanks to Lori who handled the RSVPs. Beer and wine \$5 per drink, soft drinks and water free. Donation box on site. Thanks to Valerie. Koozie – gift circulated. 80 people are currently registered, with more to come.

Secretary – quorum established, and November minutes approved.

Treasurer – Milagros reported the following: Total income for November 2017 of \$13,912.42 which is about the same as the previous year. Expenses are \$9,305.47, which are \$659.82 greater than the previous year because of expenditures for the 30 - year celebration partially offset by lower State related projects. The net income of \$4,606.95 is \$1,008.67 worse than last year because of higher expenditures. Total cash position is \$72,843.88 maintained at Everbank and Wells Fargo. Attached is the treasurer's report.

Board financial policy is up for review and update. By end of May, Kathy will appoint one other board member to be on the committee. Audit committee will consist of the park manager and two board members. Larry mentioned that the accountant sends us a report which is not an audit report.

Kudos to Larry for filing the paperwork for the Friends.

Park Manager – Park brochure has guidelines that are dated and is being edited. The CSO will be mentioned in the update. The new display is in and will be assembled for the 30th anniversary dedication. Zach reported that the giant scissors used for the ribbon cutting will be there Tuesday. It was suggested that the kiosk be covered and unveiled for the ribbon cutting. Phil is taking pictures.

Zach will meet with officials regarding the free shuttle into the park sponsored by Collier county. Last run to the park is around 5 PM. It was suggested that the flyer for the Art Show should include the flyer from the county which outlines the route for the shuttle. Zach will remind the sheriff's department that January 20th is the day it is key to get people in.

Hurricane Box – The CSO set aside \$1000 for hurricane related supplies. It has not been used so this box will contain essential items needed after a hurricane. Zach will provide a list of items and the cost of each. Among the items to be locked in the box are electric chain saw, ear, eye protection, chaps, flashlights, case of water. Milagros recommended purchasing supplies for the hurricane box before year end.

It is now possible to renew memberships at the gate.

The boardwalks are almost complete.

Membership report –14 people have not renewed yet, some are not on email. Gabriella will send out another reminder in Jan/Feb and suggest that folks renew at ranger station. 71 members are listed at this date.

Business cards were suggested, and Gabriella will design them and order about 250. beach stewards and other volunteers will pass out the business cards. Gate personnel can hand out membership brochures

Committee Reports –

Art Show – 18 artists are registered, 2 accepted but have not paid, 1 asked for extension. Donations are needed for the Drawing of Chance. Gift cards and new or gently used items are requested. Katie Park is the chair. Artists will be asked to donate something. New set up options include bringing a tent the night before and admittance early in the morning at 7 AM> In 2017 two Resident Artist workshops were held. This seems to be a good idea and will be continued.

December 3rd was the one parson art show. A good number of people came and shopped. Mary LImont had a great day, did pretty well, and gave 20% of sales to us. Extra signs were made to publicize RA show. Thanks to Valerie for her assistance.

Children’s Art Show - 3 schools currently interested, deadline is mid-January. Volunteers will be needed.

New Business -

Discussion of the Link tab on our website. We should have links to FFSP, FWC, State Park site, Naples Backyard History and track usage of the links. Others should be removed.

A web camera was suggested for the tower. Discussion about joining the Untied Arts Council and its benefits. There was no interest in renewing membership.

Goals for 2018. Kathy will send goals for the minutes. Marcia will meet with Zach about outings for membership. Membership Punch cards are now available– single and family

Grant ideas – Larry provided a list of options, some new and others that have previously been considered. The boardwalk is still on our list. Kelly Brothers, the boardwalk repair company, had some good ideas on how to build it and what it could look like. We want to continue to have momentum for the boardwalk, a \$1 million project. What can we do to take it to the next level? At one time the Partners in Parks (PIP) offered 40% if we could raise 60%. Granted June 1, 2011, it is still in effect.

Kathy wants to send in 3 ideas for grant approval.

Larry presented the idea of making an annual donation of \$250.00 to the Naples Backyard History Museum. The Board members briefly discussed the advantages of such a donation and maintaining the relationship with an organization that had similar interests--history of Naples area. It was decided to consider this during our 2018 budget discussions in January. Members were encouraged to look at the organization's webpage to learn more. Kathy shared the recent issue of *Naples Park Newsletter* that included an article about the Friends and the Jan. 20 Art Show. Kathy encouraged everyone on the Board to work to build membership.

Adjournment at 12:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Byrd, Secretary

Date approved 1.8.18