

Friends of Delnor - Wiggins Pass State Park  
Board Meeting Minutes: February 5, 2018 Monday 10 AM  
Surf Colony Party Room

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

**Board members absent:** Valerie Thompson

**Staff present:** Zachary Lozano

**Reports of Officers:**

President- Kathy reported that the FFSP grant for the boardwalk was submitted. The director has received the grant and will need time for reading and approval. Following up on the goals for the year a Finance Committee has been established with officers Milagros and Marcia. In addition, an Audit Committee has been created with members Valerie, Gabriella, and Zach. Lori has sent a press release advertising the board vacancy.

Vice President- Marcia and Zach met to discuss options for the membership field trip. They proposed a trip to Gasparilla Island State Park and suggested the date of April 9, 2018, in lieu of the end-of-year picnic. It was suggested that a meeting could be held on the way if we charter a bus. Zach looked into the cost of a bus, which will cost about \$950 plus tip for the driver. There may be a small charge for the toll bridge to the island. The bus holds 30 – 55 people and has bathrooms. A minimum of 30 people will be required. Zach also contacted the staff at the park and officers of the Barrier Island Park Society to see about the availability the park and about an interpretive program. They are available and the date is open for the trip. After the morning tour and program, there will be time to have lunch at local restaurants and to visit the town of Boca Grande. We will speak to the members at the next meeting and ask for a show of hands of those interested in this trip. Guests will be encouraged and welcomed. It will be a full day, estimating 8 AM to 4 PM.

Secretary- All members of the board were present, so a quorum was established. The minutes of the January 8<sup>th</sup> board minutes were approved.

Treasurer-Total income reported as of January 31 of \$3,900 that is about \$500 lower than the previous year because of lower donations at the art show. Expenses are \$1,100, which are \$800 higher than the previous year because of higher apparel expenditures. The net income of \$2,820 is \$1,300 lower than last year because of the above factors. Total cash position is \$93,182 maintained at Everbank and Wells Fargo. Milagros will renew the certificates of deposit that mature in February maintaining the same maturities.

The Friends received a \$25,000 gift from the Dellora Norris Foundation. Pursuant to the gift instructions, \$10,000 was identified for the Dellora garden (\$500 for 20 years) and the balance of \$15,000 will be commingled with the investments of the Friends for

future projects. Attached is the treasurer's report.

Larry raised concern over the designation of funds as stated above. He recalled a different designation and amount allocated specifically for the boardwalk. He will review minutes from previous meetings and bring this up again at the next meeting.

Park Manager – Zach reported that he and Kathy will attend the District 4 Friends meeting in March in Dunedin FL. The park is getting busy now and is closing during prime time. A final proposal for dredging of the pass is going to the commissioners and is slated to begin the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in March. One-third of the sand will be deposited on our side of the pass and two-thirds will be placed on Barefoot beach. The quality of the sand is being tested during the next four weeks. Zach, Joe Danforth and Kathy attended Literacy/Science night at Naples Park Elementary School. Joe brought excellent artifacts to the display table and was available to answer students' questions. It went very well and is the beginning of more collaboration with NPES in future years. The principal will receive a gate pass for the Children's Art Show. This is the first year that NPES is participating in the Children's Art Show thanks to Kathy for reaching out to the principal at the school and getting her interested in the show. Regarding CSO support during Lori's absence, Zach said they are trying to hire part time employees to do ranger duties so that the rangers can be freed up for assistance. He asked for volunteer help during her maternity leave.

Reporting for Lori, Zach spoke about the Volunteer Appreciation Lunch at Carrabba's in Bonita Springs. This luncheon is to thank and reward volunteers who qualify. Last year the cost was \$17 a person but this year to get the same menu it will cost about \$20 per person. The budget allowed the \$17 per person expense but the board approved the increase to \$20. A motion to allow the increase was approved with one member opposed. The treasurer noted that this will exceed the budgeted amount of \$500.

Membership- The board approved the addition of the artists from the annual art show as family members, granting them the benefits of any member. Kathy sent an email in advance, establishing reasons for this addition. This brings the membership to 102. Gabriella suggested leaving some of our new business cards at the gatehouse in case folks do not have cash or a check to join the Friends. The hope is that the future member will take the card home and follow through with establishing membership online, or by sending a check to the park. There is a new sign up sheet for membership at the gate. A sandwich board is under construction and will be located at the gate, advertising our organization. It was suggested that we give away our new magnets (stickers) with each new membership.

### **Reports of Committees:**

Children's Art Show – Marcia reported that 10 schools will be participating and that for the first time in a while we have a private school entering. Lori is managing the volunteer sign up sheet but there is need for more volunteers. Volunteers will begin during the week by picking up the artwork from schools. Thursday volunteers will begin punching holes in the artwork and placing the paperclip hooks. Friday the same will take place, in addition the mounting of the rabbit cloth at the pavilion. Early volunteers will

arrive Saturday at 7 AM to hang the artwork at the pavilion. Zach has worked with the shuttle bus management to allow the bus to drop off in area #5 families attending the Children's Art Show and to accept the gate pass that they have received as payment for the entry to the park. The judges will arrive at 9 AM and the show opens at 10 AM till 4 PM on Saturday. The artwork must be removed and restored on Sunday for the 2 – 6 PM show. Marcia thanked all the volunteers who have already signed up to help with the show.

Art Show – The funds generated to day do not reflect the total amount because several artists have not paid their portion yet. See treasurer's report for details. A follow up meeting was held on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Valerie and Kathy gave a big thank you to Lori and to all volunteers and board members. The date is set for 2019 – January 19<sup>th</sup>!

**New Business:** Kathy asked us to update the Directors Contact Sheet.

**Old Business:** None

**Upcoming Dates:** Membership meeting February 12 with FGCU speaker on gopher tortoises. Children's Art Show February 24-25.

**Adjournment:** 12:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Byrd, Secretary pro tem

Date approved: 3.5.18