

Minutes from March 14, 2016 membership meeting—

President Ann Petrillo called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.. A quorum was established.

Board Members in attendance: Kathy Foster, Phil Nye, Ann Petrillo, Kathe Rasch, Gabriella Miyamoto, Valerie Thompson

Board members absent: Marcia Byrd, Joe Gagnier, Larry Beer

Minutes from the February 8 membership meeting were read and approved as corrected.

Reports from officers and staff:

Treasurer's Report—Kathe reported on year-end 2015 figures.

Year End 2015 Report

Total Income—17320.94	Budget—15034.00
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Total Expenses—8960.81	Budget—10974.00
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Net Income for the year—8170.13	Budget—4060.00
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The current year accounts are:

Wells Fargo Checking—15041.59

Wells Fargo Money Market—14787.06

Everbank Restricted Account as of December 2015—34592.70

She highlighted major expenses and income from the past 2 months.

She distributed copies of the year-end financial report.

Board President—Ann reported on the field trip to Barnacle Historic State Park. The Park Manager and Friends group gave us a tour of the property and share its history.

Park Manager—The boardwalk construction in area 1 has begun. They anticipate completion by the middle of April.

The third traffic trial was held on a Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday March 2-4, 2016. Everybody just drove in and we charged them on the way out. What would happen if we reached our carrying capacity. There would be a limit of 100 vehicles

over our capacity. Unfortunately, the park never reached over capacity so the experiment failed.

The commission wants the park to write a grant to purchase pay station machines, which cost about 12-15 K each. The staff have to write up the third trip and any proposal for the grants would have to be approved by Don Forgione.

Bob talked with the county supervisor. It has been a slow winter for the Vanderbilt Beach as well.

The sign at Immokalee and Vanderbilt has been turned off, instead the sheriff's department is using the large sign.

Committee Reports:

Art Show—Kathy Foster indicated that volunteers are always needed for next year's art show. They are exploring ideas for a new musician. They are also investigating a food truck option. They are also looking for whether we could have a shuttle available for the park.

Children's Art Show—Seven schools participated in the Children's Art Show. There were ribbons for first, second, third, fourth place at each of two grade levels. In addition, the People's choice and Ranger's picks were awarded. Ann circulated the Naples Daily News article about the show. Kathe reported that many, many extended families came to the show right up until 6 p.m. on Sunday night. Three of the art teachers came as well.

Membership—No report.

Unfinished Business:

Coastal Forum—The program for the Coastal Forum is at 7 p.m. on March 15 in partnership with the Estuary Conservation Association. The talk will be held in the pavilion in Area #5. Gary Lytton will present on Deepwater Horizon: 5 years later.

New Business:

Beach Erosion—Nothing new at this time. The Board is waiting on Bob's direction regarding sending a letter.

Shirts for Beach Stewards—We are investigating getting lighter weight Columbia type shirts for the beach stewards for summer. This has been put into the 2016 budget.

April Membership Meeting --Picnic—April 11, 2016 , 11 a.m. at the pavilion.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Speaker: Rachel Kangas—Archaeology Officer for the Southwest Florida, Florida Public Archaeology Network.

March is Florida Archaeology month—There is a new theme and poster every year. Artisans of the Woodland Period. 1000 B.C.-1000 A.D. She focused on weeds and seeds. Posters and bookmarks for the park.

The network does different types of workshops and promote and facilitate conservation, study, public understanding of Florida's archaeological treasures. They assist local governments, state agencies, and outreach and education.

11:30 a.m.

President Petrillo called the Board into session to review the proposed budget. It was moved and seconded that the budget be approved. The motion passed unanimously.