

Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park
December 2, 2024
Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park Maintenance Area/Call-in

Board Members Present: Eric Cosentino, Skip Counselman, Kim Finer, Donna Graham, Janice Kmetz and Valerie Thompson

Park Staff in Attendance: PSS Lauren Hagen

Others in Attendance: no other individuals attended

Meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. A quorum was established.

President's Report: No opening date for the park has been announced. Work on the restoration continues.

Vice President's Report:

Kim reported the last \$15.00 for staff drinks was spent on water and has been delivered. Send photos and stories for the January 1, 2025 *Friends Newsletter* Kim as soon as possible.

Secretary's Report: Janice made a motion to accept the November 4, 2024 BOD minutes as written, Kim seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Eric reported for the period ending October 31, 2024, total assets were up \$46,420.31 or 18.2%. Total income was down \$2,974.12 or 5.1% year-over-year with decreases in critter donations and membership dues contributing to the decrease.

Total expenses were down \$48,717.85 or 368% from the same time period last year. Net income was \$45,478.17 compared to a loss of \$265.56 the previous year.

Membership Report: Donna reported we now have 149 members.

Old Business:

- Turtle Nest Adoptee Certificates: Donna distributed the Turtle Nest Adoptee certificates at a total cost of \$312.25. The total revenue after expenses for the program in 2024 was \$15,500. The Board members agreed to begin the next Turtle Nest Adoption project in February 2025.
- Membership Holiday Luncheon: The BOD members voted on November 25 via email to cancel the December 9, 2024 event due to low reservation numbers and cost.
- Tent update: Donna is continuing to work with Cecil's Printing to design and order the tent.
- Nomination Committee: Committee members: Skip, Valerie and Janice. Valerie reported the "invitation to be a candidate for the BOD election" and the Board member application were emailed to members on November 20, 2024 with an application due

date of December 23, 2024. The election will take place at the January 13, 2025 Membership Meeting.

- CSO Annual Plan Discussion: Janice led a discussion concerning the *2025 CSO Annual Plan*. Board members expressed concerns about the total amount of funds requested and also about some of the specific items included in the draft Plan. Board members are asked to submitted their thoughts, suggestions and concerns to Donna by December 16. She will compile the information and our discussion will continue at our January BOD meeting.
- zeffy.com: Following the reviews from Donna and Eric and looking through the zeffy platform, Board members made the decision to move forward with using zeffy.com as a communication and organization tool for the Friends group. This free internet platform is used by numerous non-profits.
- Clean-up in the Mangroves update: Janice reported 11 members participated in the November 13 project.
- January Annual Meeting update: Donna reported the January 13 meeting will be held at 10 a.m. at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in the Rome Room. Park Manager Peters and PSS Hagen are asked to provide the program and introduce themselves to our members. The election of Board members will also take place at this meeting.

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New Business:

- Solar Power for Electric Wheelchairs: This possibility has been explored. No solution at this time.
- Beach Interpretation:
December 10 & 12: Janice and Valerie will join Park staff on the beach. Friends merch will be available for beach-goers' donations.
December 16: Kim and Valerie will join Park staff on the beach.

Other dates: December 18, 20, 23, 27, 30. If you would like to volunteer to staff the Friends Interpretation beach tent, please let Janice know.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Valerie Thompson

Date approved: January 6, 2025

Upcoming Dates:

December 10 Beach Interpretation
December 12 Beach Interpretation
December 16 Beach Interpretation
January 6 Board of Directors meeting, 9 a.m. at the Park Maintenance Area
January 13 Annual Membership Meeting, 10 a.m. at St. John the Evangelist Church
Board of Directors Organizational meeting, following the Membership meeting