

**Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park**  
**Board Meeting Minutes, December 6, 2022**  
**Held at Koreshan State Park**

**Board members present:** Barb Craig, Eric Cosentino, Kim Finer, Kathy Foster, Ursula Gibbons, Valerie Thompson **Absent:** Heidi Gagnon, Kim Moody, and Donna Wallin (A quorum was established)

**Park staff present:** Manager Terrance Torvund and PSS David Baniak

President Ursula Gibbons called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

**President's Report:** Ursula reported about the Friends information table at the Koreshan SP Sunday Farmers' Market and also Koreshan S. P. Holiday Bazaar. Information about Delnor-Wiggins Pass SP and our Friends group is being shared with visitors at the weekly events and donations for the Friends/Park are being collected. In addition to offering critters for donations, Ursula and Amy Modglin have handmade holiday ornaments for display and fundraising at the booth.

**Vice President's Report:** With our participation in the Farmer's Market and online critter donations, more critters are needed. An order for 25 of each animal has been submitted.

**Secretary's Report:** Kathy made a motion to approve amended June 7, 2022 minutes. Barb seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. After some discussion concerning membership levels, Kathy made a motion to approve the November 17, 2022 minutes. Eric seconded the motion. Kathy, Ursula, Eric and Valerie voted to approve the minutes; Kim and Barb abstained.

**Treasurer's Report:** Eric shared the most recent financial report. Include was information about PayPal donations (online donations):

October	memberships	\$824	critters	\$2,500	other donations	\$2,000
November	memberships	\$635	critters	\$ 508	other donations	\$1,300

Hurricane Ian "Emergency Fund" balance is \$3,000.

Eric made a motion to move the funds in the "Dellora's Garden restricted CD to a money market account general fund. These funds will be used to rebuild the Garden. Barb seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Barb made the following motion: "I move that the Friends vote to set aside \$175,000 of the funds currently in our various accounts as a reserve fund to be used to fund a project that is part of the rebuilding, reopening and refurbishment of the Delnor Wiggins Pass State Park following the destruction caused by Hurricane Ian." Kathy seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. The second part of the previously emailed motion: "I further move that at least 60% of any and all funds raised by the Friends from this point forward until the opening of the Park be dedicated to this reserve fund." was set aside for discussion at the next Board meeting. Eric will check with our accountant Paul Sands to

see if the \$67,000 currently in the “Boardwalk Fund” can be moved into the reserve fund to make part of the \$175,000.

The Board members thanked Larry Beer for his work in completing and filing Friends reports and other state required paperwork.

**Membership Chairperson’s Report:** Ursula shared Kim Moody’s report, which included an update of the membership levels to be in compliance with new Florida State regulations. The will no longer be a “Family” membership level. There are five membership levels stated in the report. Kathy made a motion to approve the report and membership levels. Eric seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. Current membership: 282.

**Park Manager’s Update:** Terrance shared the CSO Annual Program Plan document and the big goals on the plan. Park recovery and reopening were discussed. Other park updates included information about the progress of Park cleanup. The Park has received grant funding of \$8,500 from the Florida State Park Foundation, which will go toward the purchase of a new UTV/ATV. Kathy made a motion that stated the Friends would provide up to \$5,000 to add to the grant funds for the purchase of the vehicle. Valerie seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Location for the January 9 Friends Annual Membership Business meeting will be explored.

**Nominating Committee Report:** Ursula and the Nominating Committee sent an email to membership on November 22, 2022 to announce the upcoming officer election at the January business meeting and to provide an invitation for members to apply for one of the open positions. Kathy will be resigning effective following the January business meeting. Ursula and the Nominating Committee will send information to the membership about this vacated position.

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

December 9: Thankmas Dinner 5-7 p.m. Korsehan State Park RSVP please  
January 9: Friends Annual Membership Business Meeting 10 a.m. Location TBD  
Friends Board Meeting (following membership meeting) Location TBD

Respectfully submitted by  
Valerie Thompson  
Secretary

Approved: January 2, 2023