

**Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park
Board Meeting Minutes, November 14, 2022
Held at Koreshan State Park**

Board members present: Barb Craig, Eric Cosentino, Kim Finer, Kathy Foster, Ursula Gibbons, Kim Moody, Valerie Thompson and Donna Wallin **Absent:** Heidi Gagnon (A quorum was established) **Park staff present:** Manager Terrance Torvund and PSS David Baniak

Board President Ursula Gibbons called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Due to Hurricane Ian damage to the Park, the meeting was held at Koreshan State Park, Estero, FL.

President's Report:

Ursula introduced meeting guests:

- The Koreshan PSS Jenny Grow and the Koreshan Friends organization President Tim Murphy. The Koreshan staff and Friends have welcomed Delnor Wiggins Pass S.P. volunteers and Friends to their Park. Friends of DWPSP were offered a free booth at the weekly Farmers' Market. DWPSP volunteers staff the booth. The volunteers accept donations, share information about the Park, collect messages for the Rangers, and exhibit a shell tree.
- Nominating Committee members introduced: Ann and Lyman Smith and Donna Wallin will form the committee.
- Two volunteers who are helping at the weekly Farmers' Market were also introduced.

Ursula reminded Volunteers to record their hours on the state website.

Vice President's Report:

V.P. Heidi Gagnon was absent and Ursula provided a report on the "critter" donations. Many critters were lost during Hurricane Ian; those that were found were cleaned and offered for donations. A reorder of critters is in process; Ursula is storing the critters at her home. Since Hurricane Ian, 106 critter donations have been received. The critters are being mailed to individuals making \$30.00 donations via the Friends website and are also available at the weekly Farmers' Market for \$20.00 donations.

Secretary's Report: An "emergency" budgetary item was approved through email in early October. Valerie read the motion for the record:

On October 2, through email, Eric made a motion to approve a budget up to \$10,000.00 for supplies needed for the initial phase of Park post-hurricane cleanup. After discussion with Park staff, on October 3, Eric amended his motion to raise the amount budgeted to \$25,000. The items Terrance and David requested are:

UTV \$15,000

Chainsaws (2) \$700 ea.

Gas Cans (5) \$50 ea.

Tent (1) \$200

Chairs (4) \$30 ea.

Tables (2) \$50 ea.

PPE for Rangers: protective glasses, vests, hard hats, gloves, etc. \$500 total

Donna Wallin seconded the amended motion. The motions passed with a unanimous vote of Board members.

Treasurer's Report: Eric reported on the profit and loss, January – October 2021 compared with January – October 2022. Income was up by \$24,264.94 with increases in the areas of donation &

grant income, Art Show income, and direct public support. Expenses were up by \$19,667.35 for a net income of \$4,397.59 during that period. Year over year, the total annual assets as of October 31 increased by \$36,810.19.

Eric reported approximately \$18,000 to \$19,000 of the “emergency” hurricane recovery fund has been spent. October funds received through the Friends website: \$824.00 memberships, \$2,500 critter donations, and \$2,000 general donations for a total of \$5,400.

Membership Chair: Due to the Park closure and State regulation changes, new membership information and structuring is needed. Chair Kim Moody proposed a tiered membership alternative with four tiers: Supporter \$50.00, Contributor \$100.00, Promoter \$250.00 and Patron (Lifetime member) \$1,000. The tier levels may be renamed. With the park closed, “passes” to DWPSP are not possible, a voucher for a critter was suggested as a membership amenity. After discussion, Kathy made a motion to approve the four tier levels with donations going to the “general” Friends funds rather than allocating donations to specific events as suggested in the initial proposal. Donna seconded the motion. Kim Finer abstained and the remainder of Board members in attendance voted to approve the motion. Communication about the revised membership levels will be through email, Facebook and the Friends website.

Membership currently stands at 282 memberships: 192 family, 60 individuals, 24 artists, 1 honorary family, 1 corporate and 4 patrons.

Park Manager’s Update: The Park will be closed for an extended period of time. Terrance reported contractors began the post-hurricane cleanup 2 weeks ago. The beach has been cleared and demolition of the building will begin soon. Terrance will let us know when the design plans for the “renewed” park are being developed. Park staff are now located at Koreshan S.P. and will soon be working in an office trailer on the property.

Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee will be meeting to conduct business in preparation for the January Membership meeting. Three Board members will be elected in this cycle at the January Friends membership business meeting. (clarified at December meeting) Kathy Foster will be resigning effective following the January 2023 membership meeting; the Board will then appoint a member to fulfill her term.

New Business:

Koreshan S. P. and DWPSP Friends will have a joint evening potluck picnic on December 9 at 5 p.m. for members and volunteers. Ursula will email the DWPSP Friends membership with more information.

Merchandise: Kim Moody made a motion to allocate \$2,500 to fund purchase of Friends merchandise (e.g. hats) and also set-up items (tent and Friends table cloth), Kathy Foster seconded the motion. All Board members voted in favor of the motion.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Future date:

December 5 Board Meeting 10:00 a.m. Koreshan State Park, Art Hall
December 9 Thankmas Holiday Party for Staff and Volunteers 5:00 p.m.
Koreshan State Park, Volunteer Village (RSVP please)

Respectfully submitted by Valerie Thompson, Secretary Approved: December 6, 2022