

Membership Meeting Minutes

Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park

April 13, 2015

10:30 AM at the pavilion

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM by president, Ann Petrillo. A quorum was present

Minutes from the March 9th meeting were read and approved.

Reports from officers and staff:

President: Ann reminded everyone that there are volunteering opportunities over the summer, especially when there is a weather related incident. Contact Lori about assisting. Reminder that the Nature Festival will be in November but that the Friends are no longer hosting it because the gate receipts have been terminated per the new state guidelines. The Friends will help out and those interested can set up a table for crafts, etc. We will have a sale table with t-shirts, caps, visors, etc.

Treasurer: \$13,831 in checking. Gate receipts totaled over \$300 for Feb and Mar. Expenses were mainly the luncheon. Kathe secured gift cards at Walmart and Publix for use by the staff. 5-6 renewals/memberships.

Park Manager: Bob announced that a volunteer, Barb Grote – The Shell Lady, will be setting up a table on T,Th, and S in area 5. The concessionaire donated \$100 from Art Show proceeds. Waiting on permits to get the boardwalks and ramps up to code. Will start in BH #1 & 3. Area 2 behind lift station needed the valve box replaced. The mangrove boardwalk is under assessment by the state bureau chiefs. Met with Estuary Conservation Assn who wishes to partner with us over concerns about water quality.

Park Specialist – at Ranger Academy

Committee Reports:

Membership- Currently have about 75 memberships

Art Show –Kathy reported that she and Valerie are working to get new artists, communicating with the artists who have participated before. They plan to jazz up the food concession. The current resident artist comes on her own and has set up a time with Lori to meet next week. They are working on getting corporate sponsorships. Working on the best way to communicate with the artists and others involved in the show. Kathy requested that members volunteer to participate in the planning and at the event.

Old Business: Outreach program – Kathe Rasch and Susan Zimmerman represented the Friends at Shangri-La Spa and Resort on March 28th.
Marcia assisted with Bay Days on April 11th. About 80 community volunteers spent several hours cleaning the park. Volunteers are assigned by Keep Collier Beautiful.
Brochures are now available and we should use them to get the word out. Members should take some to the places that they frequent.

New Business: Have a great summer!

Adjourn: 11:30 AM

Following the meeting a potluck barbecue was held with hot dogs and burgers grilled by Gene Byrd.

Respectfull submitted by Marcia Byrd

Approved: 10.12.15