

## Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park Board

### Meeting Minutes --- March 2, 2020 (unapproved)

Please note: many of the future activities noted in minutes were cancelled due to the COVID19 shutdown.

**Board members present:** Larry Beer, Eric Cosentino, Kathy Foster, Heidi Gagnon, Gabriella Miyamoto, and Valerie Thompson. **Absent:** Clarette Frank, Phil Nye and Todd Richards **Park staff present:** Park Manager Terrance Torvund

President Kathy Foster called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

#### President's Report:

- A moment of silence was observed for the passing of Jacquie Lucas, a friend of the Park and former "resident Park host".
- Kathy asked for volunteers to staff a Friends Table at Collier-Seminole S. P during their March 21 birthday celebration. Kathy and Valerie and Jay Thompson volunteered to represent the Friends.
- Kathy shared a thank you note from Jared Marques. Jared completed the trash/recycle container project and opened the door for future Eagle Scout projects.
- The April Friends Trip is scheduled for April 14, 9:15 a.m. – 12:00 noon at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida. Kathy shared a timeline for the event. She will send out an email invitation to Friends members; Caitlin will handle the RSVPs. A suggestion was made to donate to the Conservancy's von Arx Wildlife Rehabilitation Hospital in the amount of \$250-\$300.00. Amount to be determined when number of individuals attending is finalized. Donation amount was tabled.

**Vice President's Report:** Turtles and dolphins are selling equally well. Some concern was expressed over future orders due to the effects of coronavirus on Chinese shipments.

**Secretary's Report:** A quorum was established

Minutes from the February 3, 2020 Board meeting were approved. Larry made the motion for approval, Gabriella seconded. Unanimously approved.

#### Treasurer's Report:

- 2020 Budget: Treasurer Eric presented the 2020 budget. After discussion, the budget was approved. Gabriella moved for approval, Larry seconded. Unanimously approved.
- January comparison from previous year showed an increase in \$31,657.30 for January 2020, partially due to the \$10,000 donation from the Norris Foundation. A major expense in January was the funds used to assist in the purchase of a new vehicle for the Park.
- After investigating CD rates, it has been determined that the CD will remain at TIAA Bank.
- The Audit Committee reported a successful audit of the finances. Larry requested a written statement that the review had been done, finances were in order and that the statement is signed by the committee members.

## **Park Manager's Report:**

Administrations: Terrance shared the new Friends brochure inserts. These will be placed along with an insert from the Park's vendor in Park information brochures.

Visitor Service and Interpretation: 2020 February visitor number decreased over 2019 by about 6,000 due to weather. The Thursday Ranger programs have been well-attended. A new event, Afro-Caribbean dance, will take place at 5 p.m. on the last Thursday of the month in area #5. Naples Park Elementary will host a family yoga on last Thursday of March at 5 p.m. in Area #3.

Maintenance: Bathhouses 1,2, and 3 have new doors. The bathhouses are being painted. Eagle Scout project will continue painting. The parking bumpers will be removed. Larry suggested hiring an outside company to work on this task. Terrance announced that the Friends donated information kiosk, now located in Area #5, must be moved.

## **Committee Reports:**

Children's Art Show: Larry reported on a successful Children's Art Show weekend, noting a slow Saturday and a well-attended Sunday. Nine teachers from eight schools participated. Over 160 pieces of art were exhibited. Five schools received prizes. Ursula took photos and created a video. Dates and times for the 2021 show: Feb. 27, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Feb. 28, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Membership: Gabriella reported there are currently 192 members when taking into account February lapses. Uniformity of membership forms was discussed. Rangers at the gate will be using the insert for individuals signing up for memberships at the gatehouse. Gabriella requested that the Rangers put punch card confirmation on the form when issuing membership.

Birthday Party @ Wiggins Park: Kim Finer, Kathy and Valerie will meet with Terrance to discuss how the Friends can assist with the September 12 event.

## **Old Business**

Dellora's Garden: The irrigation system will be installed March 17. Larry moved to approve \$1,200 expense for the project, Valerie seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved. Thanks to John Finer for working with this project.

## **New Business**

Park t-shirt: Tabled until April Board meeting.

Adopt a Sea Turtle Nest: In Clarette's absence, Kathy shared details on a proposal for the DWSP program and program ideas from other Parks. Many suggestions were discussed and notes were made to share with Clarette.

## Upcoming Dates:

- A. March 9, Membership meeting
- B. April 7, Board meeting **(change of day)**
- C. April 13, Park Clean-up Day
- D. April 14, Friend's Trip to Conservancy of SW Florida

Respectfully submitted by: Valerie Thompson

Approved: