

**Minutes of the Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park
Membership Meeting – January 14, 2019**

Board Members in attendance: Larry Beer, Marcia Byrd, Milagros Dougan, Kathy Foster, Phil Nye and Valerie Thompson

Board Members Absent: Todd Richards, Joe Gagnier and Gabriella Miyamoto

Staff Members Present: Mireille Gruppo, Terrance Torvund and Rangers Bill Thaller and Stephen Pindel

President Kathy Foster welcomed Friends members and introduced special guest speaker, R. J. Wiley. R. J. Wiley is the Park's 2019 Resident Artist and has been extremely generous to the Friends and loyal to our art show over the years. Wiley is also Resident Photographer at Corkscrew Sanctuary and displays his art in twenty-four galleries. His work has been published in nature and Florida publications. R. J. presented a fascinating look at his photographs and related interesting insights into his artwork and nature subjects.

President's Report: The business meeting was called to order and a quorum was established. Kathy recognized and thanked Marcia Byrd for her service to the Friends of the Park. Marcia's Board term has expired. Although not serving as Board member, she will continue to provide support and be an active member of the Friends. Kathy announced that the "2018 Accomplishments of the Friends" document is available for review. Kathy also reported that the Friends group and Park events are receiving increased visibility in social media.

Vice President's Report: No report

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the December 10, 2018 Membership meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Milagros Dougan reported an annual net profit of \$5,500, an increase over 2017 due to increases in memberships and donations. The current financial status shows the Friends have funds of \$97,000 in savings and CDs at two different banks.

Park Manager's Report: Manager Terrance Torvund announced the Friends funded the purchase of new tires for the donated (Collier-Seminole State Park) tram. Park staff plan to use tram to shuttle visitors to the Art Show from the boat ramp area on January 19; the goal is to provide better access for Art Show visitors and avoid closing the Park due to lack of parking spaces. Advertising on social media has increased. Using funds from the Art Show budget, advertising directed toward specific groups of Facebook users was arranged. Targeted advertising will be used on both the Friends and Park Facebook pages. We were reminded to "Like" the Friends page on Facebook. Terrance explained the AmazonSmile program and Kathy encouraged members to use the site when ordering from Amazon. The Board agreed to sponsor swim buoys to replace those lost in storms. Terrance said Delnor-Wiggins Pass S. P. is the only local park that separates swimmers from other water activities by using buoys. The buoy project fits with the Park's goal to make Park safe. The Park's budget request for 2019 is \$1,000 to be spent for swim buoys and advertisement. Terrance

announced that Ranger Stephen Pindel has been hired to fill the new position of Park Service Specialist in charge of Maintenance. Concerning Visitors' Services, Terrance announced that a grant to install a car counting system was awarded to the Park. The installation of hardware and software has started but the project is behind schedule. Terrance also announced that the observation tower is closed and the state plans on removing it. The tower failed an inspection by the Fire Marshal In December. Many repairs are needed. If the tower were restored, there would need to be a yearly engineer's report and money available for the restoration and the report. The renovation of the restroom in the Ranger break room will be completed this winter. A donation was received to cover the cost of materials. In other news, Terrance reported the County is willing to re-nourish the beach south of parking lot 5.

Committee Reports

Nominating Committee: Chair Larry Beer explained that the Friends have nine board members, each serving a 3-year term. Terms are staggered. Joe Gagnier whose term is up in 2020 is retiring from the Board. Therefore, there are currently four openings on the Board. Larry asked for nominations from the floor. Marcia Byrd nominated current Board members Phil Nye and Larry Beer. Jay Thompson nominated Heidi Gagnon. Kathy encouraged other members present to get involved. Richie Twiefel seconded the nominations of the three candidates. Larry called for the vote for the nominated slate. The members voted to elect the slate. Kathy thanked Larry for conducting the election.

Membership Committee: In Gabriella's absence, Kathy reported on membership. With Terrance's support, since October, Rangers have sold approximately 50 memberships at the Ranger Station. Ranger Sara Grant was the winner of the "sales incentive" at Ranger Station-a \$25.00 gift card from Home Goods. A new incentive period has started and Rangers are again encouraged to sell Friends memberships at the Ranger Station.

Wildlife & Wildlands Art Show: The Art Show will be held in Area #3 on January 19, 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Members were encouraged to volunteer and a sign-up page was passed around. Kathy and Valerie gave highlights about the 2019 Show.

Children's Art Show: Marcia announced six schools have signed up for the 6th annual Children's Art Show, which will be held Feb. 23 & 24 in the pavilion at area #5. Marcia provided a brief explanation of the prizes and theme. Volunteers are needed for the two-day event.

Unfinished Business: The Adopt-a-Turtle program continues to be a success.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Thompson

Date approved: February 11, 2019

FRIENDS OF DELNOR-WIGGINS PASS STATE PARK

Treasurer's Report - January 7, 2019

<u>Financial Results</u>	31-Dec-17	31-Dec-16	\$ Change	30-Nov-18	30-Nov-17	\$ Change
Total Income	\$41,314.85	\$15,520.75	\$25,794.10	\$18,982.87	\$13,912.42	\$5,070.45
Total Expenses	\$19,142.88	\$9,587.03	\$9,555.85	\$13,433.39	\$9,305.47	\$4,127.92
Net Income	\$22,171.97	\$5,933.72	\$16,238.25	\$5,549.48	\$4,606.95	\$942.53

	30-Nov-18	Budget	\$ Change
Total Income	\$18,982.87	\$14,671.17	\$4,311.70
Total Expenses	\$13,433.39	\$16,935.30	(\$3,501.91)
Net Income	\$5,549.48	(\$2,264.13)	\$7,813.61

Cash Position

	Cash Position 12/31/2017	Cash Position 12/31/2018	Interest Income 2018	Interest Rate
<u>Wells Fargo</u>				
- Checking Account	\$10,353.65	15,745.06		
- Money Market Account	\$9,797.74	9,802.64	4.90	0.05%
<u>TIAA Bank</u>				
- Money Market Account	\$25,336.58	10,899.74	69.86	0.50%
- Cash Dellora Garden	\$10,000.00	9,533.01		
- TIAA CD		93.76	120.07	1.83%
- Board Designated CD Certificates of Deposit				
- 3-Month	\$10,068.84	10,207.03	138.19	1.81%
- 6-Month	\$10,071.28	10,218.48	147.20	1.73%
- 1-Year	\$15,167.63	30,714.37	546.74	2.08%
Total Board Designated	\$35,307.75	\$51,139.88	\$832.13	
Total	\$90,795.72	\$97,120.33	\$1,026.96	

Dellora Garden

- Charged 2018 expenditures of \$466.99 to Dellora cash account
- Transferred interest in Dellora cash account of \$115.55 to Friends' account because interest is not restricted.
- Simplify management of Dellora cash account as follows:
 - One Dellora investment shared with Friends' investment in operating CD
 - Dellora expenses for the year charged to Dellora investment at end of the year
 - Interest on Dellora investment credited to Friends' portion of investment because interest is not restricted

Designated funds

- Increase designated funds by approximately \$5,000 when investment of these funds is completed in 2019

Turtles

Through January 4, 2019, sales reached 115 turtles and \$2,299.99 revenues. Including donations for the costs of the first 115 turtles, the net profit is \$1,128.82 or \$9.82 per turtle, net of \$5 for the sea turtle program (\$575). Funds for the sea turtle program have to be spent by October 31. Any funds left will be for any other program of the Friends.