# Friends of Delnor Wiggins Pass State Park Board Meeting April 18, 2011

Marcia Byrd called the meeting to order @ 6 PM. Quorum was present <a href="Attendees"><u>Attendees</u></a>: Olga Williams, Steve Shea, Robert Steiger, Larry Beer, Joe Gagnier, Phil Nye, Kathryn Goerig-Eastlake, & David Eastlake

Minutes were read and approved.

Look Ahead: Who will be in Naples all summer: Joe, Phil, Olga, Steve & Bob.

# Bay Days- April 9

Marcia & Gene helped Larry pick up supplies provided by Keep Collier Beautiful. There were 6 or 7 groups that helped including cub & girl scouts. Kone Elevator and Rosa also helped clean the Park.

### Picnic May 9 in Pavilion

Marcia shared with the Board that founding Charter Board members have been invited to the picnic. They are as follows: Pauline Cataldo, Rosemary McTuck, Art & Kay Pelly and Mary Ludwig. These invitees will be honored at the picnic. Laverne Gaynor daughter of Delora Norris was also invited. Next year is the Friends 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Steve Shay will be the Friends liaison to the Chamber. Marcia & Steve will complete the necessary paperwork and send money to join.

Sue Huff suggested that Friends join the United Arts Council. Cost \$85. Marcia explained that it would help get the word out about our Art Shows. Motion passed to join the UAC.

## **Treasurer Report**

Checking \$6,963 Savings \$9,892 CD \$33,000

CD is due June 12<sup>th</sup> and is now worth \$35,000. Larry suggested that we break the monies down into amounts of \$10K, \$10K, \$10K, & \$5K with various due dates per Larry's discretion. Board approved his request.

Larry also explained and shared a copy of our financials thru March 2011. A new chart of accounts has been created and a Profit/Loss statement is available on each event. Those statements were also shared. Joe will sign any checks in Larry's absence and take any deposits to the bank. Olga will collect any monies received at the gate house & deposit it in Larry's absence.

#### Delora's Garden

Marcia shared that the garden needs more plants and sign. We will ask Sharon to design a sign for the garden.

#### Trail Signs

Placing signage on the 1/3 mile trail will be accomplished over the summer months. The plan is to identify 10-12 plants with Carolyn's help. The state will pay for simple signs. Our budget for signs is \$2,000. The target to complete this project is by summer's end. Rob Wiley will take pictures for the kiosk under the Tower.

#### Park Manager

PIP—has been approved. We may now tell the public about the boardwalk project and begin an active campaign to raise funds for the same. There will be a Work Day April 25 and Carolyn is in charge. Reminder: Clean-up day Monday after Easter. We need to re-evaluate Work Days.

Bob suggested that we send out the Park Volunteer Agreement Form with our Membership brochure. There also needs to be a reconciliation of our volunteer list with Carolyn's list.

#### **Old Business**

The Board believes that the Nature Festival is a PR/Educational program and that the Local year round citizens are our targeted market. Therefore, The Board recommends that the Nature Festival be scheduled for April 14, 2012.

Olga explained that the phone call chain broke down. Olga volunteered to call each person on the list and to manage the list of people who do not have email addresses.

#### **New Business**

Moraya Bay will not host the Green Flash 2011 because there is a new GM who does not want to support us. The Plantation Club @ the Dunes has been called with a request for a free venue for the GF--November 5, 2011.

Sweet Tomatoes Fundraiser. Kathryn asked permission from the Board to contact ST for a fundraiser. Permission granted.

Larry attended a District Meeting. Larry shared that 62% of the Park budget is generated by gate fees and County Doc stamps from real-estate sale. The economic impact of the Park on Naples is approximately \$15M.

Larry also recommended that the wording on our event fliers change to help cover us for liability.

Next meeting: May 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6PM. Meeting adjourned @ 9:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathryn Goerig-Eastlake Secretary