

Friends of Delnor - Wiggins Pass State Park  
Board Meeting Minutes: April 3, 2017  
Monday 10 AM - Surf Colony Party Room

**Board members present:** Larry Beer, Marcia Byrd, Milagros Dougan, Kathy Foster, Gabriella Miyamoto, Ann Petrillo, and Valerie Thompson  
**Board members absent:** Joe Gagnier, Phil Nye  
**Staff present:** Zach Lozano and Lori Heath Thorn

With a quorum established, the meeting opened at 10:02 by president Kathy Foster

Officer/Staff Reports:

**President** - Kathy welcomed back Ann Petrillo who had surgery and is in rehab. She circulated a sheet with board contact information needing verification.

**Vice President** - Valerie is heading up the committee for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Ann, Milagros, and Marcia agreed to help.

**Secretary** - The March minutes were approved as corrected. Minutes will not be read at membership meetings. Several copies will be made available to anyone interested in reading them. Anything of great interest will be highlighted.

**Treasurer** - Net income at the end of March was about \$4,000. Total cash position at the end of February was \$72,175. The Children's Art Show netted \$415 due to a \$1,000 donation to the show and the fact that no pr expenses were incurred; and apparel revenues came to \$426 the weekend of the show. Milagros will move enough money into the checking account to avoid a monthly fee. The current insurance carrier for our D & O insurance will not be available to us after June 10<sup>th</sup>. Milagros is looking in to other companies and will proceed to make sure that we have the necessary coverage. Funds available for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Friends come to about \$1,000. If necessary, with board approval money from reserves can be used. Milagros reported that there will be a new button on the website allowing for memberships to be purchased using Pay Pal. Alicia, Gabriella, Milagros, and Marcia will further explore website improvements on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Park Manager** - Zach gave a personnel update – 7 rangers, 4 OPS employees, and 4 at the management level.

For a gift from the Friends for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the staff suggested an interpretive display near the osprey nest. Zach showed an example from Wilderness Graphics of one that would work well in that area. The three sided display could include information about ospreys, shore birds, and gopher tortoises. The loggerhead turtle at the entrance to the gate needs some refurbishing. A volunteer is managing the plantings at that entrance. The vending machines placed at bathhouse #2 and the pavilion are here to stay. The lights have been disabled, cola drinks have been removed and only water, Gatorade, and iced teas are now available. An enclosure is being planned and is funded for the vending machine at bathhouse #2. No enclosure is planned for the one at the pavilion. Zach reported that the proceeds assist the Division of Blind Services and that this contract is up in two years. He stated that there are few parks left that do not have vending machines.

Park expenditures using CSO budgeted funds during the past month include a \$283 fiberglass door for one bathhouse and \$46 for native plants at the entrance.

Two pilot programs: BOGO passes are being offered to the first 50 visitors on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Visitors who pay for one day at our gate will receive a free pass for Koreshan State Park which must be used the following day. Also, folks can receive a text message from the park up to four times per week. Mark and Zach are controlling the use of this process and it will be in effect at least until June. The code is 51660.

**Park Services Specialist** - Lori reported that she has received 16 RSVPs for the picnic. She strongly suggested that members arrive by 10:30 AM. Some spaces in area #5 may be reserved for our folks with mobility issues.

Committee Reports

**Membership** - Gabriella reported that we now have 67-68 members. She remarked that the membership part of the website will be updated at the meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup>. The goal is to make the information and forms user friendly. A gift option is suggested with the target market being realtors in the areas.

It was suggested that we remove the number of members in the *Who Are The Friends* section of the website.

**Park Clean Up** – Six people, mostly board members, showed up to clean the park on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Valerie purchased pickers, gloves, bags and water for the workers. Next clean-up date is the Monday ( 4/17) after Easter Sunday. Volunteers can do clean up during the day on Easter Sunday, also. Another clean up day is scheduled on the Monday after Mother's Day.

**Art Show/Resident Artist Workshop** – About 20-25 people came to this workshop on March 30<sup>th</sup>, held in the morning till about noon. Attendees enjoyed the event.

**Children's Art Show** – Larry and Linda Beer, Jackie Olson, and Marcia met to make decisions for the next show. Ann Petrillo was unable to attend. Marcia distributed a sheet with the decisions made by this group. The dates for 2018 are February 24 – 25. Volunteers will pick up and return artwork to the schools. T-shirts will be printed with The Blue Crab, first place artwork award in K-2. The teacher and child will receive a t-shirt before the end of the school year. Marcia will order those shirts and enough to sell at the Nature Fest.

Unfinished Business

Larry reported that the white trailer was removed on March 20<sup>th</sup> by an agency called Homes for the Troops, supplying new homes to vets since 911. We were given a donation credit of \$500.

Larry also reported on the many state filing requirements of our organization. He sends the reports to Carol Bennet our district contact. Larry created a list of reports and the dates filed. The list will be attached to these minutes.

New Business

Things are well underway for the picnic – raffle, decorations, meal. A short meeting will start at 11:00 with a few remarks from Kathy, Milagros, and Zach.

**Adjournment** 11:55 AM

**Next Board meeting** October 2, 2017. Location TBA

Respectfully submitted  
Marcia Byrd, secretary

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