

**Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park**  
**January 6, 2025**  
**Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park**  
**Office Area and Call-in**

**Board Members Present:** Eric Cosentino, Skip Counselman, Kim Finer, Donna Graham, Janice Kmetz and Valerie Thompson

**Park Staff in Attendance:** Park Manager Cody Peters and PSS Lauren Hagen

**Others in Attendance:** no other individuals attended

President Janice Kmetz called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. A quorum was established.

**President's Report:** Janice reported that members are being kept up-to-date on the status and activities of the Friends and Park through periodic emails and Facebook posts.

**Vice President's Report:** Kim reported that Board members held two pop-up boutique events in December in conjunction with the Park interpretation station provided by Lauren. Approximately \$400.00 was raised in donations for the Friends. Kim reminded the Board members about the Dunes Community's "Volunteer Opportunities" event to be held on January 22, 11 a.m. -2 p.m. Valerie and Kim will be at the event to present information about the Friends group. Membership forms and related information will be available. Looking ahead, Kim reminded us that we will be participating at the Conservancy's Earth Day event, April 12. Please let her know if you can help. In other news, Kim announced that the "winter" newsletter is ready for distribution. Donna will email it to members.

**Secretary's Report:** Skip made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 2, 2024 Friends BOD meeting. Donna seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Eric reported for the period ending November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, total assets were up \$45,853.64 or 17.9%. Total income was down \$3,469.36 or 5.8% to \$59,615.75. Expenses were down 351% or \$48,673.42 to \$13,836.09. Net income increased \$602.60 for a total amount of \$45,779.66 year over year.

**Membership Report:** Donna reported we currently have 145 members.

**Old Business:**

- Tent update: Donna reported she is continuing to work with Cecil's Printing and other businesses to research and purchase an event tent. April 22 is the target date for using the new tent.
- Nominating Committee: Valerie reported that there are two candidates for the two vacant BOD positions: Kim Finer and Donna Graham. The election will take place at the January business meeting.
- zefy.com: Donna reported that she is working with Eric to migrate Friends records to the zefy.com financial on-line platform. Membership records have been transferred.
- CSO Annual Plan: Following a review and discussion of the Annual Program Plan for Citizen Support Organizations 2025, Donna made a motion to set the revenue goal at \$35,000, Skip seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. Dellora's Garden budget of \$5,000 is also

included in possible expenses for 2025. Cody, Kim and John Finer, and Biologist Karen will make a determination when & how the garden funds will be spent.

- January Annual Meeting update: Donna said that currently there are 18 members and 6 BOD members registered for the January 13 meeting. Coffee, soft drinks, water and doughnuts will be provided. Valerie will set up a donation table.

#### **New Business:**

- Skip plans to attend the statewide CSO meeting in late January. In December, the BOD voted by email to fund up to \$500.00 to cover his expenses. The motion to fund was unanimously approved.
- PSS Lauren will be on the Park beach providing interpretation/information from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the following dates: January 8, 10, 16, 20, 22, 27, 29 and 30. On January 24 Lauren will be at the Park information beach location from 10 a.m. to noon
- BOD members would like to join Lauren on some of those dates for their “pop-up” donation/information table. Dates TBD. It was suggested that a “pop-up” be schedule for at least two Fridays and one Saturday each month during the winter season.

#### **Manager’s Report:**

- Cody requested \$400.00 to cover the cost of refurbishing a sea turtle that is used for education and interpretation. Janice made a motion to approve the funding for the sea turtle taxidermy, Kim seconded the motion, Unanimously approved.
- Two new rangers have been hired. Also, Rochelle Martin, hired through AmeriCorp, will begin working with Lauren on various Park projects.
- Lunetta, the sculpture previously at the Park entrance that was introduced in 2013, needs restoration and repainting. Cody asked for help finding someone to do the work. Previous Art Show artists were suggested and a call for volunteers will be put out on Facebook and in the Friends winter newsletter.
- Ranger Lenick has been working at other State Parks and learning more about the flora of our area. He will work with Kim and John Finer to get the mobile shade greenhouse up and running this winter.
- Contractors anticipate debris removal by the end of January.
- Ropes and treated posts acquired from PRIDE used for the rope and post system will arrive soon.
- PSS Lauren is working on developing a volunteer plan.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.

Respectfully submitted by

Valerie Thompson

Date approved: February 3, 2025

January 13  
February 3  
March 3  
April 22

Annual Friends Business Meeting, 10:00 a.m. St. John’s Church  
Friends BOD meeting, 9:00 a.m. Park Office Building  
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Earth Day event at Conservancy