

Meeting minutes for Del-Nor Wiggins Park Inc. CSO MEMBERSHIP NOVEMBER 13, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Lois Cantwell at 1:05 PM, with 16 members and 3 park staff present.

Bob Steiger, Park Manager gave a power-point presentation on the exotic plants identified in our park and efforts to remove them.

Secretary, Joe Gagnier read the minutes of the previous membership meeting and the recent board meeting. Joan Erb, membership officer, indicated we currently have 80 members. Treasurer, Olga Williams reported that we currently have \$36,319.58 in various accounts. Income for October was \$510.54 and expenditures were \$117.18.

Bob gave an update on the park activities: several tables and grills were replaced and paint purchased for the exterior of the first two bathhouses. Challenges remain for replacing the office and ranger station. 3 new employees are on duty; site review is in process for a new concession stand in Area 4. Dredging of Wiggins Pass is to begin in December. Negotiations continue on how much and where dredging will occur.

Carolyn Shaw explained the volunteer appreciation day for our district, with registration to be in by the first of the year. February 10th is the date of the event. There was some discussion about hiring a bus or large van for transportation to Alafia State Park for the festivities. Carolyn will investigate pricing and availability.

A condolence card has been sent to the family of Elsa Kimbell, who had been appointed in September of 2005 as the Florida Park Service's CSO Ambassador. She passed away this summer after a

long battle with breast cancer. Her husband, Roy, will finish out her term.

Volunteers are needed for the Art Show on January 20th, and for Discovery Day on April 14th. Sign-up sheets were circulated for individuals to work at the Art Show. The first Discovery Day planning meeting will be held on December 7th at 9:30 AM. Jo Ann Linck will be the event coordinator and she indicated that volunteers who are not already working on the January event are welcome to attend. The Holiday Picnic meeting is December 11th, 5:00 PM. Volunteers signed up to bring many of the food items. There will be a gift exchange (\$5.00 value). Rosemary Miktuk and Kay Peley will coordinate the effort.

Lois reminded all that the Annual Meeting is January 8th and 3 board members are up for election or re-election. A nominating committee was formed. Mary Eckert and Elaine Wall volunteered to send out the letters and Board Member Applications to the membership as soon as possible.

Jo Ann explained all the details of the Art Show. 15 artists and 4 crafters are participating. The “future artists” table for kids will include painting shells and palm tree “boots”. We need sponsors and volunteers for the event. Jo Ann and Bob gave a demonstration of how to approach business owners for donations. Packets were handed out in hopes that each person can contact at least one potential sponsor. A list of local area businesses was posted for selection and sign-up.

At the end of the meeting Lois asked for names of guest speakers for future meetings and ideas for social/educational gatherings.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:35 PM.

Joe Gagnier, Secretary