

Minutes for CSO Meeting, Supporters of Del-Nor Wiggins Park, Inc., November 12th, 2007, 1:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 PM, as people were returning from a picnic lunch at Area 3. There were 14 members in attendance, as well as the Park Manager.

A short power-point presentation preceded the park manager's report. The topic was about how to assist visitors who are visually impaired.

Robert Steiger, our park manager made the following comments:

He will be attending his first Manager's Meeting on Tuesday regarding park budget issues.

Two ranger's positions had been frozen and now one is allowed to be filled.

Our newest ranger, Daniel Ambrose is starting on Nov. 23rd, and has a background in building construction.

In the next 2 weeks the open position vacated by Cheryse will be advertised.

Bath house repairs are continuing and the boardwalk between areas 2 and 3 is under repair.

Volunteer Dick Roberts has returned and is helping with painting the ADA parking spaces and doing the early field clean-up so far.

Installation of the new fiber-optic cable for the DEP network should be completed in December.

There are no details as yet regarding the Volunteer Appreciation Day at Gamble Plantation Historic Site on March 15th. Using a bus for transportation again this year was mentioned. There is still time to work on this in the coming months.

Meeting minutes from October 8th were read, motion to approve by Dick Liden, seconded by Phil Nye, unanimously accepted.

Treasurer's report: \$3,669 in checking, CD's \$6,514 and \$22,428, Money Market \$5,655 for a total of \$37,667.

Jo Ann Linck reported on the progress of the fundraiser committee, citing that we are in good shape as far as participation in both events by exhibitors and artisans. A food vendor will be here for both events, also, giving us 20% of what he makes on his menu. Jo Ann asked for at least 3 volunteers to help with building the maze which will be used for an environmental learning exercise by the children for Family Discovery Day. A work schedule was also circulated to fill the slots for various activities. We will need to pull some crow's foot grass in Area 3 again in preparation for the Art Show, but it is not nearly as bad as it was a year ago.

A nominating committee was selected for sending out letters and Board Member Application Forms for the upcoming Annual Meeting to be held January 14th. Diane Schwartz, Ann Knowlton and Kay Peley will get together on Wednesday, the 14th at 1:30 PM to prepare everything for mailing.

The next meeting will be on Dec. 10th, which is the annual holiday picnic. Plans for the main dishes were discussed and various people volunteered to provide mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, stuffing and gravy. Bob will cook one turkey in the deep fryer and will purchase the peanut oil using the debit card. Jo Ann will bake a second turkey as well. An announcement will go out to the membership to get additional sign-ups for these and other items. It was decided by the group not to have a gift exchange this year.

Since Carolyn was away, Lois brought up the item regarding recycling volunteer pins. With the park budget in a pinch, it was suggested that if there are any among us that wouldn't mind parting with any old hours pins, they could be used again for new volunteers as they accrue their hours. They can also be used for other members who reach certain milestones. So, if anyone has any pins lying about in drawers or jewelry boxes that they no longer need or want, turn them in to Carolyn Shaw.

Lois asked for suggestions for a future field trip. Phil volunteered to check on an air-boat ride and overhead boardwalk tour of the Myakka River State Park in early April and will report back to the group.

There were also some suggestions for guest speakers for the Feb. and March meetings. Diane Schwartz will do a presentation on growing up on Sanibel-Captiva for the March meeting. She will also inquire as to the availability of M.E. Parker, a local kayaker and photographer for the Feb. meeting.

November 15th is designated as National Recycling Day and the park will post a sign at the gate to encourage people to drop off aluminum cans. There were several theories put forth as to why our aluminum can program is not as productive as in previous years. It is a combination of fewer park visitations, changes to the local waste management program, lack of a vendor in the park, and higher demand for aluminum by scrap dealers. We need to be thinking of ways to promote our program to the public. Our revenue from this program is currently about one third of our annual intake.

The next Work Day is Nov. 29th, and we will be pulling grass in Area 3, followed by a fundraiser committee meeting at 10:30 AM.

It was announced that our new resident artist for the 2008 season is Carol McArdle and samples of her work can be viewed at her website: www.carolsheart.com

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM for refreshments. The power point picture show from the 20th anniversary celebration party was set up for those who had not seen it.