

Meeting Minutes for Supporters of Delnor Wiggins Park Inc. Membership Meeting, February 11, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Lois at 10:30 A.M. with 15 members present and 2 staff. The president presented an agenda and established that we had a quorum.

The Park Manager, Bob Steiger installed the officers: President: Dick Liden; Vice-President: Joe Gagnier; Secretary: Diane Schwartz and Olga Williams, Treasurer. Board of Directors include Joan Erb, Kay Peley, Phil Nye, and Fred Eckert.

Photographer M.E. Parker gave a slide presentation of many of her artistic, natural photographs, mostly representing Southwest Florida from the perspective of a kayak. She shared a wealth of knowledge as well as beauty as she narrated her photos. She announced that her multimedia DVD's and other graphics may be viewed and purchased online at www.meparkerphotography.com.

The minutes of the January 14, 2008 were read and approved. Our treasurer, Olga, reported that we currently have a total balance of \$33,106 (rounded) distributed between our checking and money market accounts and certificates of deposit. Revenues of about \$3,150 came in during the past period from membership dues, gate donations and Art Show proceeds. The numbers are not complete for the Art Show but it appears we have a net income of \$2,300 to date. Artists did report that their revenues fell from 2007 levels. The President, Secretary and Treasurer will work together to update the previous financials so a complete year-end report for 2007 can be posted to our website.

Bob gave the Park Manager's Report. He advised us that the County Commissioner's Meeting will include a request for a variance in order to begin construction of the new Park Administration Office planned as well as additional picnic pavilions and new chickees, a concessionaire and rentals. At our next regular membership meeting on 3/10/08 Bob will provide a slide presentation that is planned to be used at this Commissioner's meeting on 3/11/08, 9:00 a.m., Collier Co. Government Building, in Naples.

JoAnn Linck gave a report on the coming CSO sponsored events. Family Discovery Day is set for this Saturday, February 16th with 18 planned exhibitors. A sign-up sheet was circulated for helpers at the event as well as requests for assistance on Friday to prepare Area 3 and complete various details for the days activities. Another sign-up sheet was passed to members for the coming final Bill North, Resident Artist for 2007 which will be held on March 8th. Helpers will be needed the day before the event as well to set up in the Area 5 Pavilion. JoAnn introduced our 2008 Resident Artist, Carol McArdle, and announced her special art show will be held on December 6th 2008.

An announcement was made that Carolyn Shaw needed to have all reservations for the upcoming Volunteer Appreciation Day held on 3/15/08 at the Gamble Plantation in Ellenton, not later than this Friday. Carpooling will need to be worked out in the future.

Tonight a meeting of the Estuary Conservation Assoc. will be held at St. John's the Evangelist church at 7:00 p.m. featuring photographer Clyde Butcher.

A discussion was held on plans for an outside storage shed to contain the CSO event materials. At the next meeting there will be a marked up area on the south side of the Ranger's break room so projected sizes may be considered. The matter of possible permitting by Collier County was presented to be addressed.

Diane was asked to comment on her suggestion of having a committee to act as a Community Outreach group. This would involve taking responsibility for promotion of upcoming events in the region as well as increasing our membership above current levels.

A brief discussion was held on the "Turn the Lights On" event to get community involvement as the Turtle Season ends. This would be a sunset or after-hours event, by invitation only, with light refreshments. At this time we have 5-6 artists willing to make donations for raising funds through a silent auction of their works. A proposal with an estimate of funding required will be made to the Board of Directors.

Dick brought up a suggested "Past President's" Position on the Board. This would be a non-voting position. A motion was made by JoAnn to amend our by-laws to create such a position and it was seconded by Bill Paul. A vote was unanimously passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Schwartz
Secretary