The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by the secretary, Diane Schwartz in the absence of the President and Vice-President. There were 18 members and 2 staff and a quorum was present. The minutes of the previous meeting in April were read and approved.

Olga Williams, the treasurer, reported there was \$218.76 in income for September and \$135.07 expenses for the month. The total balance at the end of September including the checking account and both CD's was \$38063.38.

Joan Erb reported that our membership now totals 86 with the addition of 3 members in September. Fred Eckert described his plan to put together a flyer that could be handed out to all visitors and then have a membership packet at the Ranger's Station for people to stop as they were leaving. This would serve to help increase our membership. Alicia offered to assist in creating a flyer for this purpose.

The Park Manager, Bob Steiger, gave his report on Park changes. At 10 stainless steel per year, he reported half of the total grills have been replaced to date, ten from our CSO funds and 5 are due yet from the State. To comply with ADA requirements, plans are in the works for a drinking fountain in Area 5, and 6 accessible stalls in the Park. Although it will likely be 2009 or later, a new price of \$52,000 for removal of the Australian Pines was received. He reported there was one opening to be filled in Park staff and there had been 130 applications although in November, there will be a second opening.

There was a public hearing on the Wiggins Pass dredging project and information could be found in the Naples Daily News. On the matter of the proposed parking garage, much discussion took place. No action is planned definitely and with the other possible changes at the Ranger's Station and the continued county actions right outside the Park, it would be a while before there is any decision. Dick Liden and Bob had a meeting planned later in the month with Belinda from the State to see if there would be a "position" taken regarding the proposed garage. Fred Eckert reported from a CSO Board meeting, as of today, the CSO could take a stand and our President is willing to go to Tallahassee to meet with the State on this matter.

Jo Ann Linck told us she has 11 committed artists for the January 17, 2009 Art in the Park. A meeting would follow this meeting for those interested in assisting in the plans for this event. The show for Artist in Residence, Carol Mc Ardle, is set for December 6, 2008 from 10:00-3:00. JoAnn reported bookmarks would be ready for distribution at the November CSO meeting.

Carolyn Shaw spoke on the uniform requirements and where to learn where members might get them. Alliene Liden asked about the status of the storage unit requested. Bob indicated a full application for zoning changes with drawings is required and a site development plan from Tallahassee. She also mentioned that there are a few items members could add to any of their garage sale since we are no longer having CSO sales.

The next meeting is set for November 10, 2008 at 1:00 and Theresa Schober from the Mound House on Ft. Myers Beach will be presenting. Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.