

Friends of Delnor Wiggins Pass State Park

Membership Meeting – February 13, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Marcia Byrd.

Valerie Thompson introduced the speaker Susan Snyder. Susan explained that the Developer Signature Properties aka Vanderbilt Partners II Ltd are moving ahead and securing permits and permission to build a large dock in the channel This would be located just East of the Park boundary. Susan answered questions and encouraged members to write letters to the nine members of Collier County Planning Commission. She also asked that members to attend a meeting at St. Jon's Catholic Church on Wednesday February 15, @ 5:30 PM.

Minutes were read and approved.

Marcia explained that a hard copy calendar is available for members after the meeting

Treasurer's Report

Kathe Rasch reported \$3,300 in checking; which includes income from the Art Show and grant money \$975 from the Friends of Florida State Parks.

Park Manager's Report

The Park has a new Administrative Assistant, Julie Furlong. Jonathan put in his two weeks' notice. The Park office needs volunteer help selling passes at the beginning of each month. Delnor-Wiggins is #2 in the state in selling Annual Passes.

Park Specialist's Report

Carolyn announced that Volunteer Appreciation Day will be held @ Paynee's Creek Historic State Park on March 3, 2012. If anyone is going, please let Carolyn know.

Membership Field Trip

Phil Nye announced that he will be leaving February 27 @ 7AM from the parking lot at Sam's Club on Immokalee. Members will be traveling to Green Cay Wetlands & Nature Center and go on a 1 ½ mile walk. Phil said that there will be many birds to see & Wakadahatchee Wetlands which will be a ½ mile walk near Boynton Beach.

Membership

Kathryn reported that 71 members have renewed their membership. We have six new members for the year 2012 and a total of 120 memberships to date.

Nature Festival

JoAnn passed around sign-up sheets for various activities that need volunteers. There will be 10 exhibitors and 11 projects/activities.

JoAnn also reports that the Friends earned \$1688 from the Art Show.

Green Flash

Membership Training was held last month. JoAnn shared with the members the information that is found in the packets. She asked members to seek Sponsors for our fall event.

Plant Workshop

Brittany Petit will be presenting a Plant Workshop on February 22 for Exotics and Invasive Plants at 9AM.

Marcia announced that the Board will attend an all-day retreat on February 22. Elaine McLaughlin, President of the Friends of Florida State Park will facilitate the retreat.

25th Anniversary

Anne Petrillio, Event Chair, announced that the Party will be held on March 30th from 5-8PM at the Park Pavilion. Invitations have been ordered and members will be asked to RSVP. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony @ Delora's Garden, Speakers, History, Slideshows, Joe Wiggins, and Boardwalk Talk. Drinks and Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Turtle Project

David reported that we have been approved to create an education turtle presentation at the park entrance. The turtle is in the process of being constructed.

Alliene sold tickets for the 50/50 Raffle & a Bottle of wine Ruffled.

Meeting Adjourned @11:40AM.

Next Meeting: March 12, 2012

Respectfully Submitted

*Kathryn Goerig-Eastlake
Secretary*