

Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park

Annual Meeting, January 9, 2012

*Meeting was called to order by President, Marcia Byrd
30 members, & 6 Board Members present.*

New Members: William & Jan Moore and Bob LaScala were welcomed to the meeting.

*Steve Shea presented slate of proposed Board Members for 2012 to serve a 3-year term: Kathe Rasch, Anne Petrillo, Larry Beer and Joe Gagnier
Motion passed to accept these four members to serve on the Board.
Olga Williams was asked to come forward, and Marcia thanked her for her long service to Friends and as a Board member.*

*November Minutes were read and approved.
There were no minutes taken at the December Christmas Dinner.*

*Marcia read the Friends accomplishments for 2011(Attached) and invited members to put their name on the grid listed on the sheet on the wall to help with other planned projects .
Marcia also explained that the Board plans to hold a retreat in the near future to help generate a Vision for 2012 for our organization.*

Treasurer's Report

Cking \$2,352.60 MM: 10,958.32 CD 33,607.40 Total \$46,955.32

Park Manager

Bob announced a new Education/Training Program series will be conducted by Brittany Petit once a month. The first workshop will be for Native & Exotic Plants and will meet on January 25 @ 9AM in the CSO Room.

Larry Beer was recognized for 2000 volunteer hours of service to the Park. The Osprey is back circling the nest. Four new people were hired and signage on the Nature Trail was completed. Friends also purchased a double-stainless steel grill for Area 5. Electric was put up in Area 5. Lot 4 walkway was rebuilt. 17 Loggerhead turtle nests were marked on our beach.

Carolyn explained to the members how important it is to keep track of volunteer hours and to get that information to her either by phone, email,

snail mail or write it down and put it on her desk. Also, there is a sign-up sheet in the CSO room where volunteers can record their hours worked. The total hours volunteered by Volunteers for 2011 is 3,261 which equal \$66,850.50 in paid hours.

Membership

Kathryn reported that 2011 new members to-date total 29. We have 45 Individual; 62 Family; 4 Artist; 2 Patron & 2 Corporate for a total of 115 members.

Kathryn explained to the members that Leigh Dally, manager of bala vinyasa yoga studio, will be offering yoga on the beach for free. Leigh told us that she has 4,000 emails in her database which she will access and promote our Park with yoga on the beach. The yoga will be offered once a month from January to May. First yoga session is January 19 @ 4:30 PM.

Art Show

JoAnn passed around a sign-up sheet to help at the Art Show. T-shirts are available for a \$15 donation. Erv Kraus will be at the show to sign his book which will be available for a \$34.95 donation.

Palm Tree Press

Larry announced that we need someone to accumulate stories for the PTP and then forward them to Sharon. Larry said that copies of the current Press will be available for members to pick up after the meeting.

Green Flash

The date for the third Green Flash is set for November 3, 2012. Members were asked to attend one of two training sessions to understand how to approach sponsors for our Flash event. Sessions will be Thursday, January 19, 1-2:30pm and Friday, January 20, 9-10:30pm. Marcia challenged all Board members to attend at least one training session. Kathryn asked all members to commit to attend a training session and then approaching at least three local businesses each and ask them to sponsor our Green Flash Event.

25th Anniversary Party

Members voted for the party to be celebrated in April.

New Business

Field Trips – Ideas for future Friends field trips included: An eco tour with Wendell Voight; Mound House tour; Palm Beach Company man-made Wildlife center; Airboat trip in the estuary; and a visit to a Turtle Hospital in Juno, Florida, at the Loggerhead Marine Life Center.

David reported that plans are being made to create a Loggerhead Turtle display at the Park Ranger's Office for visitor's to view as they wait to get into the park. He is investigating sources to made a turtle for the display.

Friends were reminded about Yoga on the Beach January 19th @ 4:30pm.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathryn Goerig-Eastlake