Friends of Delnor Wiggins Pass State Park

Membership Meeting - March 12, 2012

Speaker: Kevin Miller, Director of Development, Edison State College Foundation. Mr. Miller gave an encouraging talk to the membership regarding raising money for the Boardwalk. Highlights of his presentation were: there is money here (Naples); tell our story and make the ask; & tie the project in with interests of the people you are talking to.

Kay Peley & Art were passionate workers for the Friends and were Charter Members. Olga Williams spoke in memory of Kay.

The meeting was called to order by Marcia Byrd @ 11:05 AM 24 members; 7 Board members, and a guest speaker were present.

Minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Kathe Rasch reported Chking \$2,245.00 Money Mkt Wells Fargo \$4,774.33 Everbank Money Mkt: \$35,918.57 Total \$46,037.90

<u>Park Manager</u>

Bob introduced Julie Furlong his new Administrative Assistant. The Osprey left their nest, but returned and are building a nest.

Volunteer Day Awards were presented to Friends of Delnor-Wiggins in two areas: Ranger Station Makeover- Certificate to Larry Beer & Gene Byrd; and Dellora's Garden Memorial - Certificate to Marcia Byrd & Committee. New Assignments have been frozen and Bob is unable to replace Carolyn & Jonathan Stokes. Laudres fell and had an elbow replacement. Carolyn retired after 19 years of service and we wish her the best. Members are to send their total volunteer hours to Bob until further notice.

<u>Membership</u>

We presently have 120 members. New members were asked to stand. Kathryn welcomed: Michael & Karen King and Karen Martin to our organization.

Kathryn also announced that coupons to eat at Sweet Tomatoes on Thursday, March 15 will be passed around during the meeting and will also be sent via email. Members were asked to eat so that we may raise money for the cause.

Yoga on the Beach will be held March 15 @ 5PM in Area 3. Everyone is invited.

Nature Festival

JoAnn Linck passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers that are needed for the festival. The Festival will be advertised in Florida Weekly. A flyer was sent to schools electronically.

<u>Green Flash</u>

Members were encouraged to approach businesses to obtain sponsors. Packets are available in the boat if anyone needs more.

Plant Workshop

Brittany Petit will offer a Native Plant Workshop on Wednesday, March 21 @ 9AM; meet in the CSO room.

25th Anniversary

Ann Petrillo announced that 35 have RSVPd and Laverne will be attending the Ribbon Cutting. Participants will be identified by a silver wristband. Marcia reported that we need more plants and water so that the area around Dellora's Garden looks good.

Alicia Astorga announced that she had a card for Carolyn and invited everyone to sign it and to contribute money for a gift certificate. She will leave the card in an envelope at the gate until the end of the month. Also, if anyone has any photos of Carolyn please put your name on the back and put these pictures into the envelope as well. Alicia will create a photo presentation for Carolyn too.

Turtle Project

David Eastlake announced that the turtle is complete and should be shipped within two weeks.

Larry Beer reported that the staff put together a book for Carolyn. Alicia will put together a tribute to Carolyn on the Friend's website.

Meeting adjourned @ 11:50am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathryn Goerig-Eastlake Secretary