

**Minutes of the Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park  
Membership Meeting – April 10, 2017, Area #5 Pavilion**

**Board Members in Attendance:** Larry Beer, Marcia Byrd, Milagros Dougan, Kathy Foster, Joe Gagnier, Phil Nye, Ann Petrillo, and Valerie Thompson.

**Board Members Absent:** Gabriella Miyamoto

**Staff Members Present:** Lori Heath-Thorn, Zachary Lozano

**Call to order:** Kathy Foster, President, convened the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

**Officers' reports:**

**President** – Kathy welcomed everyone to the end of season annual picnic.

**Vice President** – Valerie announced two park clean-up days: 4/17/17 (Easter Monday) and 5/15/17 (day after Mother's Day). Meet in area #3 at 8:00 AM. Pickers, bags, gloves, and water will be available. Memberships are nearing 70 and still on the rise. A special fall celebration is being planned for the Friends' 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Valerie is chair of the committee that will plan the event. The Board is working with Zach, Mark, Lori, and staff members to find a suitable gift that the Friends will give to the park to commemorate this milestone. We are also seeking Friends' membership ideas for our gift to the park and Valerie will be sending out an email regarding this to the membership.

**Secretary** – A summary of the minutes from the March 13, 2017 was read and approved.

**Treasurer** – Cash position is about \$72,000. Net income in March was about \$4,000.

**Park Managers' Reports:**

**Park Manager** – Zach gave an update on personnel – 7 rangers, 4 OPS, and 4 managers. For the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary gift he and the staff proposed that the Friends fund an interpretive display near the osprey nest, featuring the osprey and other shore birds. Another interpretive display was suggested for the gopher tortoise. Zach explained that the vending machines in the pavilion and area #2 have been put there by the Division of Blind Services. Under the Randolph Act, the vending machine program provides persons who are blind with remunerative employment through the operation of vending facilities on federal and state properties. Two pilot programs are underway at the park – TEXT messaging and BOGO. Zach explained that he and Mark will be sending TEXT alerts about the park to those who sign up at 51660. There are signs and flyers in the park promoting this pilot program. BOGO operates on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday allowing the park to issue 50 free passes for Koreshan State Historic Park to those visitors who pay the fee to enter our park. The free passes are good for the next day only. These pilots will end in June.

**Park Services Specialist** – Lori reiterated that the post-Easter cleanup on Monday is full but that volunteers are needed for the May 15th cleanup. She circulated a signup sheet for that day.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcia Byrd, Secretary

Next Membership Meeting: October 9, 2017 (Columbus Day) at 10 AM in the CSO Room

Approved: 10.16.17