

**DeLeon Springs Community Association, Inc.**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 12, 2019**

Amy Munizzi, President, called the meeting to order, led the prayer, Pledge of Allegiance and asked everyone to briefly introduce themselves, since we had over 30 in attendance, many of which were new members or visitors. Among the visitors was District One Councilwoman Barb Girtman, who shared that she is a fourth generation West Volusia and excited about serving our community and West Volusia County in her new role. New business member Jean Thornton told us about her business, Equivale (horse dressage, driving Instructions, training and sales) which is located on Spring Garden Ranch Rd.; new members Jackie and T.J. Aton (YMCA Camp Winona), Rose Anne Sampsell, Janice Russak, Colleen Kurczi, Allan Hooper introduced themselves, along with additional visitors and members.

Review of January 8<sup>th</sup> DSCA, Inc. meeting minutes: Tammy Schuler for Laurie Haas, Secretary: Tammy stated the minutes were e-mailed out and are on the website. She asked for any questions or corrections. Hearing none, Andrea Smiley moved approval; Jim Simmons seconded it and the motion passed.

Review of Treasurer's Report and dues reminder: Tammy Schuler, Treasurer: Tammy Schuler reported we had expenses of \$693.00 with income of \$3,750.00, which included recent anonymous donations totaling \$2,190.00, which leaves an available spending balance of \$2,128.62. Tammy thanked everyone for paying their dues and reminded everyone they are tax deductible. Tammy asked for comments or corrections. Hearing none, Rose Ann moved approval; Kevin Phelps seconded and the motion passed.

**Reports:**

Dessert With A Deputy: Amy reported for Jason Sampsell that he contacted Lt. Day of the VCSO and they confirmed Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. at the Porter House as the time and place for DSCA, Inc. to host it. This event is free of charge, open to the public and anyone is welcome to come. DSCA, Inc. will provide the desserts, water and coffee. Amy handed out flyers and requested people put the information on their Facebook pages, etc. She will send out an e-mail too. Andrea said desserts are needed; please let Andrea know if you can bring something.

McInnis Elementary School SAC: Laurie Haas reported she attended the February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting and the School Board has been discussing a new start time for all Volusia County Schools, that would allow for an additional 30 minutes of instructional time. A survey outlining three proposed schedules will be distributed for voting purposes beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>. Changes to all school start times would affect cafeteria, meals, transportation, etc. If approved, they would go into effect at the start of the new school year. The McInnis Science Fair is Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> and volunteers are needed; please contact Sonia Larrabee.

DSCA, Inc. Merit Scholarship: Tammy Schuler reported that applications are now being accepted for DeLeon Springs-resident high school seniors. We have a line item of \$600.00 for the scholarship but each year we have had anonymous donations that made them higher. Last year we provided two scholarships; a \$1000.00 and an \$800.00 to two recipients, both students from Taylor High School. Applications are on line or can be obtained by e-mailing us. Deadline for application is March 31<sup>st</sup>.

River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Board: Janice Russak reported that we hosted their January meeting with a breakfast and DeLeon Springs State Park manager Ken Torres, as the guest speaker. He discussed pollution and water quality issues, including the new FDEP BMAP (Basin Management Action Plans) in effect as of July 1, 2018. These require costly upgrades to business and residential septic systems for anyone living in the DeLeon Spring Basin, along with other spring sheds. Amy stated we will continue to educate our community about the changes, and have already had several articles in our DeLeon Dispatches about the changes. Members began discussing recycling and the recently reported issues with City of Deltona choosing not to recycle. Barbara Girtman stated it's more an issue of people not knowing what to recycle or not recycling the right items, or wrapping things in plastic bags, which shuts down the systems and causes a lot of problems with recycling equipment. Amy agreed to obtain information about it and Barbara said she would forward information on a County Council discussion about recycling.

Benevolence: Troop-ons© Coupons for Soldiers: Andrea Smiley reported she has sent 15 lbs. of coupons in 2019 alone. She encouraged everyone to keep up the great work. Cell Phones for Soldiers: Andrea reported that she's shipped 10 lbs. in 2019 alone and Gene Heintzman of the DeLand Knights of Columbus just dropped off three boxes of used phones, so she will be shipping those soon. Malloy Head Start Food Pantry: Amy Munizzi thanked everyone for what they brought to the meeting and said the donations are always needed and appreciated. She will take everything to MHS.

Purchase of property for, or action toward, building of a Community Center: Amy stated she met with Kirk Bauer, whose family has a half interest in the Porter House property, along with the Malmborg family who owns half. He stated their family believes the value of their half of the property "exceeds \$240,000". Amy thanked him for getting back to us. She stated that with that information and barring any big changes in their perceptions of the property's value, there will be no Community Center on the Porter House property. Amy asked if anyone felt there was support for building on the property she worked with Volusia County to lease to us on Burt's Park Road. Comments were made that it's too far away for school children to use for after school work, not a good location for festivals, etc. Consensus was that the Porter House property would have been ideal for this community. Amy stated we will continue to look at options.

Chuck Lennon Park and Mountain Biking Trail: Kevin Phelps reported that CLP has a new manager. The bike trail parking lot is filled to capacity every weekend. DSSP spoke with Kevin about mountain biking trails there but what they want is probably more like flat trails, not the same as mountain biking. CLMBT is in competition with one other location for a possible high school bike competition; Kevin did not have an outcome on that yet. CLMBT continues to work on their '10 mile' designation; they are in the top five mountain biking trails in Florida! Amy thanked Kevin and his group for the outstanding job they do putting us on the map with this trail system.

Ride Into Reading Third Grade Challenge: Laurie Haas reported that McInnis Elementary School Media Specialist Lisa Bertolami extends her gratitude to the DSCA, Inc. for providing this reading incentive program. MES has met their goal of 100% student participation. The third graders have read 3,616,733 words; seven students have 100 points or more; 15 students have amassed 50-99 Reading Counts points.

April 13<sup>th</sup> Art Among the Trees Juried Art, Craft and Music Festival: Amy said exhibitors include artists, craftsmen, crafters, non-profits, educational/historic exhibits, DSSP, LWNWR, Smoky Bear and the Forestry Team, DSFD Team, Crankin As, M&E BBQ donating meat for Food Court, and we will have three bands. Laurie said she is working on getting volunteers from Taylor High, as they were so helpful at previous festivals. She will have a volunteer sign up at the March meeting. Andrea is responsible for the Volunteer Luncheon; she will be circulating a dessert sign up list at our next meeting for those that would like to donate a dessert. Tammy reported we have nearly finalized the sponsors; we will have festival t-shirts on sale beginning at the March meeting. Juan and Lucy Mancilla said Linaje Escogido is hosting the KidZone and will probably be offering pottery painting. Karen Ellzey said she would do the facepainting again this year. Amy thanked everyone for their dedication to making this a successful event.

Public Comments: (participants have up to 4 minutes to speak) Amy stated Earl Barnett, Superintendent, DeLand Preparatory Academy had requested to speak but had to reschedule. Jackie Aton, Senior Program Director, YMCA Camp Winona shared information that they have 100-150 campers per week and have specific camp dates for youth with diabetes. All cabins now have air conditioning. They will be celebrating their 100-year anniversary on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>. Laurie Haas shared information on the February 14<sup>th</sup> Eco-Buggy Tour from 9-11:00 a.m., a free educational ride through Heart Island Conservation Area.

Reminders: DeLeon Dispatch Spring Edition Sponsorships and articles due by February 19<sup>th</sup>. Dessert with a Deputy is Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.; free, open to the public and all are welcome. Desserts needed, please let Andrea know if you can bring something. Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m., the Porter House, 5030 US Hwy. 17 N.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laurie Haas  
Secretary