

DeLeon Springs Community Association, Inc.
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 11, 2018

1. Call to Order, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, introductions: Amy Munizzi, President

2. Review of August 14th DSCA, Inc. Seventh Anniversary party meeting: Laurie Haas, Secretary was not present at the last meeting therefore Amy reported that this was an anniversary party and everyone has a great time eating the offerings from our great cooks. She had made up a list of the accomplishments of the DSCA, Inc. so far this year and it was impressive. Copies were handed out. There were no formal meeting minutes.

3. Reports:

A. Vice President's Report: Jason Sampsell reported on a shooting that took place at the Valero gas station. It appears to have been an isolated incident between people who knew each other.

B. Treasurer's Report: Tammy Schuler shared that we had \$2,571.57 in expenses, which included the purchase of Festival items. We had an income of \$2,475.00 mostly from Festival income; after the standing line items we have an available balance of \$1,688.23. Jennie Mero moved approval subject to audit; Kevin Phelps seconded; the motion carried.

C. Benevolence:

Troop-ons© Coupons for Soldiers: Amy Munizzi reported for Andrea Smiley, who is on vacation, that Andrea has shipped 11 lbs. 4.4 oz. of coupons for the troops to date this year.

Cell Phones for Soldiers: Amy Munizzi reported for Andrea Smiley that Andrea has shipped 34.6 lbs. of used phones and accessories to them so far this year. Andrea said to thank everyone for their diligence in supporting both of these initiatives and to keep up the good work.

Malloy Head Start Food Pantry: Amy Munizzi reported that she delivered the donations from the last meeting to Director Rosie Sanchez who thanked the DSCA, Inc. and said the items are needed more than ever since school is back in.

Malloy Head Start Backpack Drive Update: Tammy Schuler reported that we were able to purchase and fill 30 backpacks for students at the Malloy Head Start, thanks to every member that made a donation to the project. Tammy reminded everyone of our annual Thanksgiving Basket Program and she will have details at our next meeting.

D. McInnis Elementary School SAC: Laurie Haas reported that she attended the last SAC meeting on Sept. 6th with a large number of people in attendance. McInnis now has a School Guardian on campus at all times. His name is Mike and referred to as "Mr. T". He is a retired Sheriff's deputy. He shared his role and responsibility at the school is to protect the staff and students should there be a threat. He does carry a concealed weapon. A goal of the school is to encourage more parental involvement. The next SAC meeting is October 11th at 7am.

E. River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Board Update: Amy Munizzi reported that she attended the meeting yesterday, held in the Orange City Council Chambers, and they had a guest speaker from the Save the Manatees program. Janice Russak will be representing us on the RoLHCB and DSCA, Inc. Board members will rotate in whenever Janice cannot attend. Amy reminded us that we have signed up to host the RoLHCB in January, 2019.

F. Chuck Lennon Park and Mountain Biking Trail: Kevin Phelps reported that an additional 1 ½ mile trail had been completed that is high and dry and has not been flooded by the recent rains like others have. They are very close to having all 10 miles of trail completed, with a goal to be finished by November 2018. They are hosting the SORBA Fall meeting in DeLeon Springs November 9-10th and this is only the second time in 30 years it has been held in Florida so it is a big deal to our community to be able to host it, with 44 chapters from seven states attending. He also shared information on becoming a sponsor of this festival,

the levels of sponsorship: \$100 Bronze, \$200 Silver, \$300 Gold and \$1000 Platinum. Jason moved we sponsor at the Bronze level; Amy requested we amend that motion to include that if we receive additional funds we increase the sponsorship level. Andrea seconded; the motion passed as stated. Subsequent to the meeting, we did receive an additional \$100 so we will sponsor at the \$200 Silver Level.

G. Ride Into Reading Third Grade Challenge Kick Off: Amy Munizzi reported that we purchased the two new bikes from JC's Bike Shop this year instead of Walmart and the bikes are far superior in quality to what we have awarded in the past. She also reported that JC's Bike Shop also donated two helmets. JC's gave us a very generous discount on the bikes so we were able to stay within the budgeted amount. Amy will purchase the six Walmart monthly incentive gift cards and make cards to go with them, deliver the bikes and helmets to the McInnis Elementary School Media Center and meet with Ron and Dianne Hermanski to kick off the program on September 21st at 1:30 p.m. in the MES Media Center. The bikes will be on display throughout the school year for all the kids to see. Amy thanked Lisa Bertolami and the third grade team for their support and enthusiasm for this DSCA, Inc. program, which now has 100% of the third grade students participating in it.

H. Autumn in the Oaks Art, Music and Crafts Festival, Saturday October 20th, 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Amy Munizzi reported that we are right on track thanks to our Festival Board's hard work. Many new and returning exhibitors have signed up quickly this year in anticipation of the event, many asking for their 'usual spot'. Musicians are lined up; we have two bands playing. Chuck Coleman has the grill gang coming back to do the Food Court. Andrea has the volunteer luncheon planned with drink donations from DS Laundromat, chips donated from Hidden Valley, subs to be purchased from Mr. Subs, and Laurie Haas passed around a sign up sheet for dessert and side donations. Laurie is coordinating volunteers to assist and has already spoken with TMHS for students to help with the Welcome Booth as they did in April. She will have a sign up sheet to pass around at the October meeting.

4. Other Business

A. Possible Food Pantry at McInnis Elementary School: Sara Montalvo, Parent Liaison, MES spoke regarding the many students at MES without food at home and was pleased to announce she has spoken with Jim Simmons of DS United Methodist Church who will provide food donations for the McInnis pantry. Sara also stated that the children really need shoes, sizes 3-6 but particularly 3-4. Closed toed shoe donations may be brought by anyone at any time to the McInnis Elementary School office, or you may contact Parent Liaison Sara Montalvo via e-mail at smontalv@volusia.k12.fl.us or phone 386-943-6384, extension 22652. You may also bring shoes to any DSCA, Inc. meeting and we will deliver them.

B. McInnis Elementary School's Annual Fall Event, October 19th 5:00-7:00 p.m. Amy Munizzi reported that she received an e-mail from teacher Sonia Larrabee who would like DSCA, Inc. to host a trunk for the Trunk or Treat area. We need a volunteer to decorate a trunk to promote the DSCA, Inc. and hand out candy. Amy agreed to send out an email seeking volunteers for this event. If you are able to help, please contact her at slarrabe@volusia.k12.fl.us or 386-943-6384.

C. International Walk to School Day with VCSO and McInnis Elementary School, Wed. October 10th. Amy reported that this is our sixth year hosting this event to highlight the dangers kids face as they bike and walk to school. The VCSO and MES staff are signed up to do this with us; COPs will be dispatching cars to help keep everyone safe that participates. We will begin meeting at the Porter House at 7:00 am and walk to the school together for a brief presentation, then DSCA, Inc. will present the art teacher with a gift card for purchasing supplies for the kids to participate with us in the 2019 Art Among the Trees Festival. All are invited to participate in the International Walk to School Day.

D. FDEP mandated changes to septic systems in springshed basins: Amy reminded everyone that new regulations began in the DeLeon Springshed basin area July 1st and we need to familiarize ourselves with the regulations so that if we are doing new construction or need repairs to existing systems we will know what to expect. She referred everyone to excellent articles on the subject in the summer and fall DeLeon Dispatch newsletters and urged everyone to read the articles. They can be found at area businesses, at DSCA, Inc. meetings or on our website. DSSP Manager Ken Torres spoke about the limitations of ATU's (aerobic units which aerate septic waste). He stated that the most effective way to treat septic waste in spring shed basins such as ours is to move it out through wastewater lines that take it to a

central location for processing, such as City of DeLand, which is our area's service provider should we have water and wastewater lines in DeLeon Springs. The FDEP and McInnis Elementary School may be looking into bringing these wastewater lines north from 15A along Highway 17 and along Ponce DeLeon Blvd. to DSSP.

E. New Festival shirts for sale, \$10 to volunteers, \$15 to public: Tammy showed off the great looking new Festival t-shirts and said they would be for sale tonight, and only \$10 to members at the meeting.

F. Hand out Fall DeLeon Dispatch: Amy showed off the new fall edition and all the articles about the activities of the DSCA, Inc. she welcomed everyone to take some and hand them out at local businesses, etc.

5. Public Comments: Jennie Mero shared that as a COP working with the VCSO she has seen an increase in the number of fraudulent bank activity being reported specifically credit card and checking accounts, she herself had an incident. She reminded all to check there bank statement for fraud. Gabrielle from the Family Health Source shared information regarding Family Health Source and the services they offer; they are a outreach program, provide primary health care for the whole family, with a sliding pay scale, and assist with finding insurance plans for individual and families. Amy thanked them for joining the DSCA, Inc. as our latest new member. Jason Sampsell shared information on the Florida Trail Association as they are inviting all to come celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Nation Trail System October 5-7th at Earl Brown Park. Deputy Skrzypinski was present and reminded all to keep cars locked at all times, be careful, and be aware of your surroundings. "If you see something (suspicious) say something", report it.

The meeting was adjourned. Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 9th, 6:00 p.m., the Porter House, 5030 US Hwy. 17 N.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie Haas