

DeLeon Springs Community Association, Inc.
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 8, 2018

1. President Amy Munizzi called the meeting to order, lead us in Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed incoming Secretary Laurie Haas. Then everyone introduced themselves. Amy stated there will be no DSCA, Inc. meeting in June due to several Board members being unable to attend.

2. Review of April 10th DSCA, Inc. meeting minutes: Laurie Haas, Secretary reported the minutes have been distributed and are available on line. She asked for comments or corrections and seeing none, Andrea Smiley moved for approval; Jason Sampsell seconded and the motion passed.

3. Review of Treasurer's Report: Tammy Schuler, Treasurer reported the following: current expenses 2,186.87, income \$2,037.00, checkbook balance of \$18,850.89; after deduction of dedicated line items that leaves an available balance of \$2,166.61. Tammy also reported the Festival made \$1204.80 with an additional \$697 in food sales directed to the building fund. She then asked for comments or corrections and seeing none, Jason Sampsell moved for approval, Andrea Smiley seconded and the motion passed.

4. Reports:

A. Vice President's Report: Jason Sampsell reported that the County Noise Ordinance has been reversed and therefore may now be enforced. This may be good news to community members that had voiced concerns regarding noise at the recent Dessert with a Deputy. Discussion of what noise is illegal ensued and VCSO Deputy Lewis stated that it's usually loud music beyond reasonable hours. Amy asked about loud gunfire and Jason stated that if it's done on personal property with a berm, etc. in place it's legal, even if it is loud. Deputy Lewis stated if it's continual or after dark, residents can call VCSO for a follow up.

B. McInnis Elementary School SAC: Laurie Haas reported the last SAC meeting was April 19th. The following items were discussed: Sonia Larrabee was chosen District Elementary-Level Science Teacher of the Year. Jessica Osterhout was chosen McInnis Rookie Teacher of the Year. We extend our thanks and congratulations to both of these excellent educators! A six-foot chain link security fence will be installed at MES with one point of entrance and exit. The gardens are growing and all plant boxes that were placed by volunteers are being used and growing nicely. Title One money has been used to send our local teachers to the Ron Clark Academy for Best Practices training. A group of eight teachers have already attended with another eight expected to attend. Pam Coleman donated her copy of Dr. Harry Price's DVD History of DeLeon Springs to MES and it will be used when teaching the student history lessons. The next SAC meeting is May 17th at 7:30am. Discussion ensued regarding school security and a recent push to put law enforcement officers in every school. Jason Sampsell cautioned that it's a very expensive proposition and has many ramifications that must be addressed before it could be implemented.

C. DSCA, Inc. Merit Scholarship(s) award update and ceremony Wednesday, May 16th, 6:30 p.m.: Amy reported we had a stellar group and it was a hard decision to make. We thank Tammy for doing such a great job of weeding out the unqualified applicants so we could choose a recipient for this award. The top two were very close together but Esmeralda Paulino won out. She has a 4.42 GPA, is majoring in Nursing at UNF, is ranked 4th in her graduating class at Taylor High and her high school record and references were outstanding. We have enough donations to give her a \$1000 scholarship instead of the \$600 shown in the application and in our budgeted line item. The second pick is Hayden Scharf. His GPA is 4.31, majoring in Business, going to UF or UCF (accepted to both) and he's ranked 5th in his graduating class at Taylor High and his references were also great. We had an anonymous donation of \$800 offered for a second scholarship for him and the Scholarship Board accepted it. Amy will be sending both recipients letters of their acceptance and will present them with a certificate at the Taylor High Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, May 16th, 6:30 p.m. They will both be invited to a reception in their honor at the July 10th DSCA, Inc. meeting, since we won't meet in June for them to come then, as is our tradition. Tammy will then follow up to find out what school they attend and send the funds directly to their school.

D. Benevolence:

Troop-ons© Coupons for Soldiers: Andrea Smiley reported that we have had a total of 5lbs. 10oz. mailed this year. She thanked all that have donated and reminded other to do the same.

Cell Phones for Soldiers: Andrea thanked Gene Heintzman with the Knights of Columbus, who dropped by with another donation of old phones from them. He stated he has many more to donate and will drop them to us to mail for them at our next meeting.

Malloy Head Start Food Pantry: Amy reminded all that the MHS Pantry will always welcome donations as the need continues for the children and families in our community. She clarified that any non-perishable foods and baby formulas/diapers are always needed and welcomed. She also stated that they are very appreciative and always thank us. Jason reported he was able to put MHS in touch with both the VCSO and United Way to assist with resources for the children and families. Jason was thanked for making this connection. Amy reminded everyone that the younger students will continue to come to MHS all summer, so donations continue to be needed and appreciated. She will drop them off Wednesday.

E. River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Board hosting update: DSCA, Inc. was unable to host the ROL Board in May and we requested they go back to meeting in the Porter House in January as they have done in the past, since that seems to be the best month for our volunteers to do it. The ROL Board agreed and we will host them for their January, 2019 meeting, date to be announced.

F. Ride Into Reading Third Grade Challenge Awards: This DSCA, Inc. sponsored McInnis Elementary School reading incentive program ended on April 30th and it was the most successful to date, with 100% of third grade students participating. The total number of points earned by the 3rd grade students this year was 8,236. Mr. Bryer's class earned 896 points with all 21 students participating. Mrs. Campbell's class earned 3,566 points and all 22 students participated. Mrs. Dail's class earned 3,674 points and all 19 students participated. Ron and Dianne Hermanski will attend the McInnis Third Grade Award Ceremony on May 24th at 1:30 p.m. and announce the top scoring boy and girl winners, who will each receive a new bicycle. Hidden Valley Park will once again donate a new helmet to each of them. There are two additional students who scored above 400 points so a member donated \$20 to purchase two \$10 Walmart gift cards for them too. DSCA, Inc. thanks Media Specialist Lisa Bertolami and all the third grade teachers for helping to make this program such a success.

G. Art Among the Trees student artists ribbon and certificate awards May 22nd-30th: Bobbie Witt will attend the 1st grade ceremony on May 22nd; Laurie will be attending the 2nd and 3rd grade ceremonies on the 24th; Amy will be attending the 4th and 5th grade ceremonies on May 29th and 30th. Student artists will be called on stage and given a Participation Certificate and a gold embossed ribbon for their art work that was displayed in the April 14th Festival. The DSCA, Inc. thanks McInnis Art Teacher Jessica Osterhout for all the work she put into mounting and displaying the artwork.

H. Chuck Lennon Park and Mountain Biking Trail: Kevin Phelps reported that the trails are looking good. The new trail has been approved by the County and they have begun cutting the trail. This new bike trail will be approximately 1 ½ miles long. Volusia County will be making a walking trail but no timeline has been provided for that project's completion. Kevin stated the SORBA Fall Meeting will be November 9-10th and he is looking into areas where their 'socials' can be held that allow alcohol. They may be camping at Highland Park Fish Camp as well. Amy encouraged Kevin to let us know if we could help with the events.

I. Art Among the Trees Juried Fine Art, Fine Craft and Music Festival review and Grant Follow Up Report. Amy reported that she just turned in the final Grant Report to the County. If we apply for and receive the grant next year it will only be in the amount of \$500 and that will be the final year we can apply for it. Amy requested Festival feedback. Remarks included: Festival was a success and was a tremendous event, the music was excellent and members were especially happy to see MES student art in the event. Amy again thanked all the members that assisted with this Festival and volunteers as well, specifically the Taylor High School students that volunteered. Amy also asked if the members would like to go forward with the Autumn Festival that would be on October 20th and all agreed. Festival planning will begin in July.

J. Amy reminded everyone that the West Volusia Tourism Week Fish Fry is at Highland Park Fish Camp, May 9th, 5:30-7:30 p.m. All were encouraged to attend the fish fry if possible as it is a great event that supports West Volusia Tourism as they have often supported the DSCA, Inc. and our activities.

5. Public Comments: Jim Simmons with the DeLeon Springs Methodist Church announced their Food For the Journey Food Pantry will be open May 17th from 3-5pm for families in need. VCSO Deputy Lewis shared that patrols have increased in our community as there is a group of criminals in our area from Crescent City; if anyone sees suspicious individuals especially after dark, notify the VCSO at 386-943-VCSO (8276) or 386-736-5999. Everyone was reminded to keep vehicles locked at all times. Andrea shared a Diabetes Prevention flyer hosted by Florida Hospital that will be held on May 12th 10-11:30AM at the Presbyterian Church, 390 Grand Avenue, Deland 32720.

Amy adjourned the meeting and thanked everyone for coming. REMINDER: NO DSCA, INC. MEETING IN JUNE. Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 10th, 6:00 p.m., the Porter House, 5030 US Hwy. 17 N.