

DeLeon Springs Community Association, Inc.
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 8, 2019

1. Call to Order, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, welcome and introductions: Amy Munizzi, President called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Amy introduced the Officers and Board members and asked if there were any new people in attendance. She explained that the Board decided that in the interest of time, from now on we would forgo going around the room for introductions since we all know each other. She will introduce Officers and Board members who are present and let new people introduce themselves.

2. Review of Treasurer's Report and Membership dues reminder: Tammy Schuler, Treasurer presented the Treasurers Report. We have \$15,097.82 in the account, minus line items, which leaves a negative spending balance of -927.43. She also mentioned that dues for 2019 are due. Andrea Smiley moved to accept the report as presented; Jenny Mero seconded; the motion passed.

3. Review of events and activities the DSCA, Inc. currently hosts and/or supports; discussion of activities members wish to pursue in 2019: Amy explained the history of the DSCA, Inc., how it started as a merchants group and grew into a community organization. The Purpose Statement and Mission Statement were passed out. Amy led a discussion on whether the group would like to continue the following activities:

- A. DSCA, Inc. Merit Scholarship-yes
- B. McInnis Elementary Ride Into Reading Program-yes
- C. McInnis Elementary Shoe Drive-yes
- D. Malloy Head Start Monthly Food Pantry-yes
- E. Malloy Head Start Back to School Backpack Drive-yes
- F. Malloy Head Start Thanksgiving Baskets-yes
- G. Malloy Head Start Christmas Clothing Program-yes
- H. International Walk to School Day (first Wednesday in October)-yes
- I. Dessert With A Deputy-yes. Jason Sampsell will talk to the VCISO for a date in February.
- J. Annual Taylor High Wildcat 5K Run Sponsorship-yes
- K. TroopOns Coupons for Soldiers and-yes
- L. Cell Phones for Soldiers –yes

M. April Art Among the Trees Juried Art, Craft and Music Festival (second Saturday): Amy announced that the Board is considering making this the last Spring festival and combining the two Festivals into one in 2020. That would allow us to explore hosting other Spring events, possibly cycle or trail related, since we already have the excellent Chuck Lennon Mountain Biking Trail system, and the SUN (Shared Use Non-motorized) trail will be completed in our area within the next two years.

N. October Autumn in the Oaks Art, Music and Crafts Festival (third Saturday)-yes

O. DeLeon Dispatch Quarterly Newsletter-yes. Amy announced the Board made a decision to continue to charge members \$55 a year for newsletter ads but non-members will be \$100 for the year.

P. Property for, or action toward, building of a Community Center: Amy explained the history of the proposed Community Center for DeLeon Springs. She also explained that the County had signed a lease with DSCA, Inc. on property on Burts Park Road for the building of a Community Center in February 2015, but the lease provided that we complete building of the Center within five years. However, support for that location has diminished and most members have voiced that the Porter Housed property is better suited for a Community Center and DSCA, Inc. offices due to the location. She also explained how the Porter House property was owned by Don Malmborg and Jim Clayton and their heirs currently own it. Amy asked the group if they were in agreement with her approaching Kirk Bauer, an attorney who is married to one of the Clayton daughters, about possibly purchasing their interests in the property. Amy also asked if everyone would agree with her writing Wells Fargo about possibly donating the property and buildings left after they closed down the DeLeon Springs branch. Amy also discussed the possibility of applying for an ECHO grant to help build a future Community Center. After discussion, these three issues were unanimously agreed upon. Amy will report back at the next meeting.

4. Reminders:

A. DeLeon Dispatch Annual Sponsorships (four issues per year) are needed (\$100 for non-members, \$55 for members).

B. 2019 DSCA, Inc. Merit Scholarship Application and Criteria available on line. Application deadline: March 31st

C. Art Among the Trees Juried Art, Craft and Music Festival Board will meet January 29th; anyone that would like to serve please contact Amy at dscainc@bellsouth.net. We will be dropping the word "fine" from the title of the Festival to make it easier for judging. Cash prizes this year: Best of Show will receive \$250. First place art, first place craft will receive \$200 each. Second place art and second place craft will receive \$100 each. Third place art and third place craft will receive \$25 each.

D. DSCA, Inc. General Meeting Dates for 2018 (always the second Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.): February 12th, March 12th, April 9th, May 14th, June 11th, July 9th, August 13th –dinner, September 10th, October 8th, November 12th, December 10th-celebration

E. DSSP "Day in History" is Saturday, January 12th, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and the focus will be more on the Park's history this year.

F. DSCA, Inc. is hosting the River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Board January 14th, 9:00 a.m. Guest Speaker: DSSP Manager Ken Torres. This meeting will take place at the Porter House. Amy, Andrea, and Tammy will bring baked goods, fruit, and coffee will be served. If you would like to donate something to the refreshments, contact Andrea Smiley. The meeting is open to the public.

5. Other announcements or business:

Jim Simmons asked if any more bike events would need sponsoring this year and if so, do we need a line item in the budget for that. Kevin explained there is a possibility of an event that may happen at the Chuck Lennon trails, but it would not be a sponsored event. Kevin discussed the National Interscholastic Cycling Association may want to host a high school mountain bike team competition at the Chuck Lennon trails. Kevin is working with them to figure out if there is enough space for parking and putting up some tents. Jim asked for Kevin to keep us updated.

Jim asked about the food for McInnis. Amy said that the Christian Church is taking care of that. Jim mentioned that the Methodist Church is still doing the Food for the Journey every 3rd Thursday of the month from 3:00 to 5:30. This assists families in DeLeon Springs and the McInnis School zone.

Jim asked about how everyone would feel about doing an Old Fashioned Fourth of July event in DeLeon Springs. Amy said that we have always sponsored the Town of Pierson's event, since they are an actual incorporated town with a bigger budget and can afford to do an event like that.

Robin Knight announced that the Me Strong 5K run/walk event will take place February 2nd in DeLand. Proceeds go towards cancer treatments for patients in Volusia County. She also mentioned that there will be a tree sale by the Soil Conservation Committee at the fairgrounds. Cindy Todd e-mailed information about that and Amy has forwarded it twice to members.

Jason Sampsell enthusiastically announced that dues are now due--\$30 for community member and \$75 for business member. He encouraged everyone to get their neighbors involved or anyone we know who may own a business in DeLeon Springs. Jason will be heading up Membership.

Margo Boyd asked about the status of the dispute between the Chuck Lennon Mountain Bike trail and the neighbors over the expansion of the trails. Kevin said it was resolved and approved by the County.

Jenny announced that Lt. George Maddox of the Sheriff's Department was promoted to Captain in Ormond Beach. Lt. Atkins could not attend tonight's meeting because of a burglary.

Andrea reminded everyone to take pictures of any valuables you have in case they are stolen, as was recently the case for her family. That is the only way to prove it is yours if recovered. Juan and Lucy Mancilla said he had his equipment stolen and because he had written down the serial numbers, he was able to recover the items from VCSO.

Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 7:20p.m. Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 12th, 6:00 p.m. and all are welcome. The Porter House, 5030 US Hwy. 17 N.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tammy Schuler for Laurie Haas