

**DeLeon Springs Community Association, Inc.**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, October 9, 2018, 6:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, introductions: Amy Munizzi, President welcomed everyone and thanked them for their dedication even with the inclement weather due to Hurricane Matthew in the Gulf. She led us in prayer, the Pledge and everyone introduced themselves. A quorum was present.

2. Review of September 11<sup>th</sup> DSCA, Inc. meeting minutes. Tammy Schuler reported for Laurie Haas who was absent due to family illness. Tammy stated that the minutes had been sent out via e-mail and asked if there were any questions or corrections. Jim Simmons brought up a correction to the information about the food pantry at McInnis Elementary. The September minutes state that DeLeon Springs United Methodist Church will provide food donations, but Jim let us know it is the Christian Church of DeLeon Springs who is providing food for the pantry there. Amy Munizzi brought up another correction to the minutes, where Andrea Smiley was absent, so she was not the one who seconded a motion regarding a sponsorship for the SORBA fall event. Jim Simmons made a motion to accept the minutes with these corrections and it was seconded by Linda Malmberg Bruschaty. Motion passed.

3. Reports:

A. Vice President's Report: Jason Sampsell, Vice President was absent due to work so there was no report.

B. Treasurer's Report: Tammy Schuler, Treasurer stated there was \$1,538.46 in expenses and \$727.91 in income. Available spending balance is \$937.68. Janice Russak suggested adding the decimals to the round numbers and lining up decimals in the future so it would be easier to read. Treasurer agreed. Amy thanked Tammy for her years of service in the role of Treasurer and thanked her for keeping us in line financially. She noted that we only have approximately \$900 in spending funds, and have over \$750 in expenses coming up for the music portion of the festival. That leaves our account somewhat empty, except for dedicated funds, which is how it should be in an organization such as ours, where the motivation is to use our financial resources to enhance the lives of our community members. Amy stated that in January we as a group would be asked to decide on, and then contribute toward, things we want to support for 2019, as we now do each year. We will then engage in whatever activities we have support for, and so far our members have never failed in their generous support of the worthwhile activities we engage in for the good of DeLeon Springs. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Cherie Armstrong and seconded by Robin Knight. Motion passed.

C. McInnis Elementary School SAC: Laurie Haas. No Report

D. River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Board Update: Janice Russak reported that Pat Northey presented a video of the many bike trails all over the state. Pat discussed the benefits of these trails to smaller communities such as ours and how the users of these trails generate more business income and tax revenue because they stay in local accommodations, eat locally, and shop locally along the trails. Janice stated that Volusia County has a very good trails app that can be downloaded to a mobile phone for use along the way. These trails are costing millions of dollars to obtain right of way and complete for public use. The portion of the River to Sea Loop near Blue Spring going south should be open soon, now that they have obtained the right of way. Amy stated that it also connects to DeLeon Springs from Glenwood, and our northbound portion will be completed by Volusia County from Grand Ave. along Ponce DeLeon Blvd. along Spring Garden and then will be connected to the east side of US Highway 17 by roundabout by FDOT when the widening of US 17 north to Highway 40 is done within the next couple of years. Janice reported that ROLHC has an interpretive panel location at the Central Florida Zoo and is asking for sponsorship of the panel so it can be completed and installed. Amy thanked Janice for taking the ROLHCB position upon the retirement of Ron and Dianne Hermanski, and serving as liaison between us and the ROLHCB. Amy stated that it was because of Laura Strawn initially, then Ron and Dianne, that DeLeon Springs continues to enjoy an importance presence on the ROLHCB and the marketing benefits of participating in it.

#### E. Benevolence:

Troop-ons© Coupons for Soldiers: Andrea Smiley reported that this year we have mailed 12 pounds 8.5 ounces of coupons to the troops. She received a letter from the Troop-ons organization thanking us for our participation.

Cell Phones for Soldiers: Andrea Smiley reported that this year we have shipped 41.05 pounds of cell phones. A bag of cell phones was left at the Porter House from the Knights of Columbus.

Malloy Head Start Food Pantry: Amy Munizzi thanked everyone for their continued generosity and reported that she drops off the donations of items collected at our meetings either Wednesday or Thursday following the meetings. The food, clothing and baby items are always needed and very appreciated.

McInnis Elementary School Shoe Drive: Amy Munizzi reported that shoes may be dropped off at the Porter House at meetings or taken to Sarah Montalvo in the school's Family Resource Center. Amy took over 30 pairs of shoes there from the DSCA, Inc. and there was actually a student waiting for shoes while she was unloading them.

McInnis Elementary School Food Pantry: Amy reported that the Christian Church of DeLeon Springs has donated an abundance of nonperishable food to the MES Food Pantry and it is due to their generosity that the Pantry is so well stocked. Robin Knight added that the First Baptist Church of DeLeon Springs is collecting food donations as well.

Malloy Head Start Thanksgiving Food Baskets: Tammy Schuler reported that Doris McWilliams started this program about a decade ago by asking the Lion's Club to donate six baskets, one per classroom. DSCA, Inc. began to help with it and increased the baskets donated to MHS. Then the Christian Church of DeLeon Springs began donating food toward it and the amount of baskets we now do has increased annually. The CCDS is collecting non-perishable food for the baskets again this year. DSCA, Inc. hopes to purchase the baskets, desserts and \$25 turkey gift cards for each basket, based on the donations we receive from members. Our goal is 25 baskets. CCDS and DSCA, Inc. volunteers will meet at the church before Thanksgiving break to assemble the baskets and then deliver them to MHS. An email will be sent with further information and a donation of any amount is appreciated.

F. Chuck Lennon Park, Mountain Biking Trail and SORBA Fall Fat Tire Weekend: Kevin Phelps reported that the Trails are in fair shape—in need of a “haircut”. The trails have been used a lot in the last two week since the weather has been a little nicer. The new trails are open and being used. The SORBA Fall Fat Tire Weekend is shaping up. It will take place on Nov. 9th and 10th. The DSCA, Inc. donated \$200 to sponsor this event at the Silver Sponsor Level.

G. Sixth Annual Ride Into Reading Third Grade Challenge Kick Off: Amy Munizzi reported that the Kick Off was September 21<sup>st</sup> and 75 McInnis Elementary School third graders were in attendance, along with their teachers, in the Media Center. DSCA, Inc. had purchased two bikes from JC's Bike Shop in DeLand, who gave us a generous discount on both of them, including helmets. This third grade reading incentive program runs October 2018-April 2019. We also purchased six \$10 Walmart gift cards as monthly awards to most improved readers to keep the competition lively. Ron and Dianne Hermanski spoke at the Kick off and added that they will present the first three students to read fifty grade level appropriate books with additional prizes.

H. Autumn in the Oaks Art, Music and Crafts Festival (Saturday October 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am-3:00 pm) Amy reported that fliers are available if you have a place to post them. Fliers and posters have been posted all over the area. Amy has placed ads in all free advertising locations. DSCA, Inc. pays for one ad that goes in all five of the Gage Magazines for \$495 so any other free advertising we can do is imperative to the success of this event. Festival t-shirts will be sold for \$10 for anyone who buys them at the meeting or volunteers. M&E BBQ in Pierson will donate the meat for the Food Court Grill. We have lots of excellent nonprofit exhibitors and art, crafts, plants, woodworking, honey, jams, jellies, etc. for purchase. Bands are lined up and so is the sound tech. Crankin A's are coming. McInnis PTA will do the desserts. Lucy Mancilla reported the KidZone will be sponsored and manned by Linaje Escogido. They will have Big Jinga blocks, corn hole game, and lots of arts and crafts. Vo-LaSalle Farms is donating mini pumpkins for decorating. Karen Ellzey will do facepainting. Smoky Bear will visit. The McInnis Elementary School Bobcat may make an appearance too. The VCSO's new Hot Car and DS fire truck will also be near the KidZone. Andrea announced that desserts are still needed for the volunteer luncheon. You can bring them to the Porter House on Festival day by 11:00a.m. Subs will be purchased from Mr. Subs for volunteer luncheon. Cherie Armstrong from DS Laundromat will donate the drinks and Tammy Schuler will donate the chips.

#### 4. Other Business

A. International Walk to School Day with VCSO and McInnis Elementary School, Wed. October 10th: The International Walk to School day has been changed to Friday, October 12th over uncertainty about the weather. VCSO and McInnis Elementary School staff will be on hand as well as students from MES. Those who want to participate can meet at the Porter House at 7:00am and the walk will begin at 7:20am. The walk will end with a presentation at the school where Amy will present the art teacher with a \$100 gift card to purchase supplies so they can participate in our spring art show.

B. McInnis Elementary School's Annual Fall Event is October 19<sup>th</sup> 5:00-7:00 p.m., DSCA, Inc. volunteers will be busy that evening setting up for our Festival so we will provide a Trunk or Treat box full of candy and snacks, along with a DSCA, Inc. sign. A volunteer is needed to bring a vehicle and place the box in their trunk along with our sign, to hand out treats to students. Robin Knight stated that First Baptist Church is participating so we can place ours with theirs if needed. Amy stated this is a good way for anyone to promote their business and if they're interested they can contact Sonia Larrabee at MES.

C. FDEP mandated changes to septic systems and upgrade incentive for springshed basins: Amy stated that all of DeLeon Springs is in a springshed basin, along with people who live around Blue Spring, Gemini Springs, etc. Anyone needing to repair or put in a new septic system will have to install a new aerobic system. There is a FDEP Incentive Program available to help with the cost of this. Information is available on the FDEP website.

D. New Festival shirts for sale, \$10 to volunteers, \$15 to public. Amy encouraged everyone that could to purchase a t-shirt and wear it proudly and often, as each of us become a walking billboard for the Festival.

#### 5. Public Comments: (participants have up to 4 minutes to speak)

Robin Knight asked if anyone knew anything about the Open House at the Fire Tower. No one knew anything for sure; Amy thinks it may be the weekend before or after our Festival. Kevin Phelps asked if anyone knew anything about the property being cleared in DeLeon Springs across from E.O. Painter Printing. No one knew specifics except that it is privately owned by a local man who owns several other properties in the area. The unkempt landscaping and trash at the Dollar General was discussed. Some folks have commented and complained about this on our Facebook page. DSCA, Inc. notified VC Code Enforcement but not much has been done. It was suggested that several people take pictures and send them to the corporate level for Dollar General with a complaint letter. Andrea added that Glenwood Presbyterian Church is having a Health Fair Saturday, October 13th, 9am-noon. Amy requested a flyer or something be e-mailed to us so we could promote it to our e-mail group. Jim Simmons said he would forward it. Amy reminded everyone we will be asking for nominations for DSCA, Inc. officers and the positions of President and Treasurer are open for 2019.

6. Amy adjourned the meeting and encouraged everyone to promote the Festival. Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m., the Porter House, 5030 US Hwy. 17 N.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tammy Schuler  
Acting Secretary for Laurie Haas