

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

1. Amy Munizzi, President called the meeting to order, led the prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and thanked everyone for coming including our young visitors Brooke and Audrey. Everyone introduced themselves. Amy welcomed Alexandra (Alex) Kinney, the new Executive Director of YMCA Camp Winona. Alex stated she moved from Illinois and has been at her new position for about three weeks. Camp Winona will be celebrating 100 years of service on Saturday, November 23rd beginning at 1:00 p.m. and everyone is invited to attend. The cost is \$10.00 and all funds go to help children who could not otherwise afford camp.

2. Acceptance of October 8th DSCA, Inc. meeting minutes. Amy stated that the minutes were emailed out and are on the website. She asked for any questions or corrections and hearing none, Andrea Smiley moved approval of the minutes, Rose Anne Sampsell seconded; motion passed.

3. Treasurer's Report: Tammy Schuler reviewed the report showing expenses of \$730.54, income of \$340.00. The Autumn in the Oaks Festival made a profit of \$770.15. With line items deducted, we have a spending balance of \$101.66. She stated we show money in the Scholarship Fund because the recipient will be attending UCF after DSU and wanted the funds there. Kevin Phelps moved approval of the report; Andrea Smiley seconded and the motion passed. Amy thanked Tammy for her continued diligence as treasurer and said we appreciate her work. Tammy then brought up the suggestion Jim Simmons previously made, that we remove the Porter House Repair fund line item, and asked if we could change that to the Thanksgiving Basket Gift Card Fund, since each year we will need to purchase 25 \$20 Publix gift cards for recipients to purchase a turkey, or other item if they lacked a way to cook it. The floor was opened for discussion. Amy asked if people felt we should continue to give a gift card, and if \$20 was appropriate, etc. Consensus was that we should continue this. After discussion Tammy moved we rename the "Porter House Repair Fund", the "Thanksgiving Basket Gift Card Fund". Jason seconded; motion passed. Tammy informed the group that an individual who wished to remain anonymous asked if their previous donations of \$100 and \$500 to the Building Fund be moved to the General Fund. As this was for informational purposes and no one voiced opposition, there was no vote taken and Tammy will act on that request.

4. Reports:

A. Vice President's and Membership Report: Jason Sampsell was congratulated on his recent marriage to Beddixa and he explained his beard as part of "No Shave November" an initiative of first responders to bring cancer awareness. Orange City required male officers to donate \$50 to the cause if they wanted to forgo shaving; female officers \$25 to use bright nail polish, and they were able to raise \$750 for St. Jude's Hospital. Our most recent new member is Volusia Speedway Park, located on Highway 40.

B. River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Board: Janice Russak said they didn't meet due to Veteran's Day. However, the month before they dedicated the new River of Lakes interpretative panel, which Amy attended. The Stetson Aquatic Center will have signs identifying trees on their property. The Central Florida Zoo is hosting the Asian Lantern Festival from November 20-January 12.

C. Benevolence:

Troop-Ons© Coupons for Soldiers: Andrea Smiley reported that she's collected and shipped 9 lbs. 8.5 oz. of clipped coupons and thanked everyone for continuing to bring them.

Cell Phones for Soldiers: Andrea Smiley thanked the DeLand Knights of Columbus and others for their donations. So far she has shipped 93.91 lb. of used cell phones and accessories.

Malloy Head Start Food Pantry: Amy Munizzi thanked everyone for their continued support of this, since these lower income families need all the help they can get feeding their children. She will drop the donations off at MHS this week.

Annual Malloy Head Start Thanksgiving Baskets: Tammy Schuler reported we have

received Thanksgiving Basket donations from Rose Anne Sampsell, Margo Boyd, Colleen Kurczi, Harold Davis an anonymous donor and commitments from others, so we have purchased the baskets and will purchase Publix turkey gift cards, desserts and fruit next week. She stated we will meet at the Christian Church on Wednesday, November 20th at 1:00 p.m. to assemble and deliver the baskets and we need more DSCA, Inc. volunteers to help. The Christian Church will provide the nonperishable food.

D. Chuck Lennon Park and Mountain Biking Trail: Kevin Phelps reported the trails have dried out and the parking lot is fuller due to the cooler weather. The tennis courts need resurfacing and will be closed. Hester Park's court may be restriped for Pickle Ball and tennis use in the meantime. The hiking trail is still in the process of environmental studies etc. He has been working on getting speed humps installed since people are racing down the park's road, endangering those that bike or run along there. It's hit much red tape since the road technically isn't park property, it would require a traffic study, etc. Amy thanked Kevin and his group for their continued excellence in maintaining the trails, which are now over 10 miles in length and consistently in the top five to seven trails in Florida as a result of their work.

E. Ride Into Reading: Dianne Hermanski e-mailed a report that she contacted MES Media Specialist Lisa Bertolami who said the program is off to a great start. So far, the highest scoring girl has 231 points and the highest scoring boy has 91 points. The 3rd graders have accumulated a total of 1,442 points. Lisa is doing an additional Reading Counts incentive for grades 2-5 to help increase their reading and points. The November and December Challenge is called "All Wrapped Up in RC." For every 25 points a student earns, they receive wrapping paper to wrap her up like a present. Lisa is requesting donations of Christmas wrapping paper and tape, which can be dropped off at the MES office or Media Center.

F. McInnis Elementary School SAC: Colleen Kurczi reported that they will meet this Thursday. Last month the DSCA, Inc. participated in the Trunk or Treat, along with DSCA, Inc. members the Christian Church and Colleen's realty company Askew Real Estate. At the SAC meeting they went over test results and they need to improve in three areas, (math, science and special needs) so they will use Title One funds to hire a math intervention teacher and to purchase an iPad cart for the Special Needs program.

G. Autumn in the Oaks Art, Music and Crafts Festival: Amy reported that the predicted tropical storm created a dilemma, but the Festival Board voted to go forward with the event, since there was no guarantee another day would have good weather or exhibitors/volunteers would be available. The rain prevented some exhibitors, the grill gang and two bands from setting up, however several exhibitors came, we kicked off as scheduled at 9:00 a.m. with prayer from Pastors Juan Mancilla and Arch Fisher, and Sandy's Back Porch Band played for three hours. The rain cleared around noon, people attended, and exhibitors did well. Amy thanked Lucy Mancilla and stated Linaje Escogido did a fantastic job with the KidZone and it was packed with kids doing take home crafts all day. Mr. Subs provided the food for the Volunteer Luncheon which Andrea headed up, so we were able to treat exhibitors to lunch to thank them, since many of the Crankin A's didn't come and we had food left over. The Christian Church provided baked goods at their booth, so we had delicious desserts for attendees. Jason reported we had seven Taylor volunteers. Amy thanked Mark Schuler and Bill Smiley for set up and break down, and all the volunteers who put so much work into this event. It was a nice day overall and everyone who participated had fun.

H. Taylor High Wildcat 5-K update: Tammy reported we raised enough funds along with our line item to sponsor the event at the \$500 Gold Level, and Team DSCA, Inc. will be Andrea, Amy and Tammy. The event starts at 7:30 am Saturday the 16th and 100% of the profits go right into the Taylor Cross Country program. Tammy showed an invitation to a Taylor High Business Partner Appreciation Tea we've been invited to on November 20th, 1:00 p.m. Lucy Mancilla volunteered to attend on behalf of the DSCA, Inc.

5. Other Business:

A. DSCA, Inc. meeting location options: Amy stated LWNWR's manager Candice Stevenson contacted us to offer their classroom in a newly constructed building that is being finished at this time. She offered for us to tour it and Amy did. It is a facility for camp workers, with a large classroom facility with separate entrance, storage, a bathroom, new furniture, and a place for us to leave some of our items, and conduct additional meetings such as hosting River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Board, etc. The Board authorized Amy to apply for the yearly permit for use of the facility. Amy opened the floor for discussion. Kevin stated this is a more neutral location and he favored it. Jason said it would fit our needs well since we

could leave items there and host other events. Rose Anne questioned what costs there were, Amy stated there are none. Agreement was reached that we would conduct our January 14, 2020 General Meeting at the Christian Church and the February 11, 2020 General Meeting at LWNWR, then go from there.

B. Officer nominations and vote (open positions: President, Secretary, Treasurer). Amy asked for President nominations. Seeing none, Andrea moved, Rose Anne seconded retaining Amy. Amy asked for Treasurer nominations. Seeing none, Jason moved, Colleen seconded retaining Tammy. Amy thanked Tammy for her continued service. Amy stated that Jim Simmons has offered to take a Recording Secretary position for one year, and Colleen Kurczi has offered to take the Secretary position for the full term of three years. The floor was open for discussion. Andrea stated she would like to see Colleen take the position since it would be for the full term. Colleen stated that if she took the position, she would like Jim as back up for times when she was unable to attend due to her children's activities. Andrea moved that Colleen take the three year term as Secretary with Jim available to take minutes when Colleen is absent, with Colleen contacting Jim when necessary. Lucy seconded the motion and it passed. Amy stated she would seek Jim's approval of that arrangement, since he was ill and unable to attend the meeting.

C. DSCA, Inc. December meeting options: Amy stated our December meeting falls on the 10th but neither Andrea/Bill nor Jason/Beddixa would be in town. She asked if December 17th might be a better option, with or without dinner, since we also need to remove items from the Porter House to vacate by the end of December. Discussion ensued. The group agreed on December 17th for our General Meeting, with pizza and sodas provided. Christmas decorations, etc. will be available, for a donation. Alex stated Camp Winona could take the freezer. Andrea will store the kitchen items. Tammy stated Hidden Valley could store chairs and tables. Amy will store the canopy, etc. and take the historic display for use at the January 4th event at DSSP. Andrea has contacted several people who may want items in the barn and Jack Nunn will remove the picnic tables for use at the Methodist Church, etc.

D. U.S. Highway 17 widening project update: Amy stated she spoke with Todd Helton, FDOT D5 Project Management, and FDOT has pushed back the widening of U.S. Highway 17 (from Ponce DeLeon Blvd. to Highway 40) from the "fully funded" category with completion in 2020, to the "design" category with completion in the 2029/2030 timeframe. This is due to funds being shifted to projects Volusia County deemed more necessary at this time. DSCA, Inc. voiced to FDOT our disappointment that the proposed and much-needed roundabout at Spring Garden Ranch Road will now be delayed, along with the Shared Use Non-motorized (SUN) trail that would have been part of the project. The roundabout would have helped with traffic flow for the hundreds of cars going to and from Sparton each day, and the trail would have brought tourist dollars to our community. Amy contacted Maggie Ardito of the River2CLoop Alliance to let her know of the SUN trail delay. Kevin said he spoke with Volusia County Parks and Rec. director Tim Bayle who said VC would probably go forward with the SUN trail within five years because it's critical to get that portion of the River to Sea Loop completed.

E. DeLeon Springs Trail update: Amy stated this is the portion of the trail that connects from Grand Avenue, along Ponce DeLeon Blvd., cuts through woods and comes out by the Forestry Station, to eventually connect to the SUN Trail proposed in the widening of U.S. Highway 17. Amy spoke with Travis Terpstra, Senior Project Manager with Volusia County's Engineering & Construction Division regarding the DeLeon Spring Trail. He reported they have executed the agreement with FDOT that funds the construction of the trail and should be advertising for construction in November. Once they award the contract, the contractor should start work sometime in January.

F. Reminder: DSCA, Inc.'s meeting location for Tuesday, January 14, 2020 is the Christian Church of DeLeon Springs, 4481 Mills Rd., just off the east side of U.S. Highway 17. Feb. 11th meeting at LWNWR.

G. Articles for the Winter DeLeon Dispatch are due November 15th.

6. Public Comments: Kevin said their biking group needs riders for the December 7th DeLand Christmas Parade. Go to flaglerbiking.com for more information on how to participate. Alex reminded everyone about the Camp Winona 100 Year Celebration, Saturday, November 23rd, 1-6 pm. Tickets are \$10.

Next DSCA, Inc. General Meeting: **Tuesday, December 17th, pizza dinner provided, 6:00 p.m.**, 5030 US Hwy. 17 N.