

**DeLeon Springs Community Association, Inc.**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, November 9th, 2021**

1. Amy Munizzi, President called the meeting to order; prayer was given by Pastor Mark Gaeta, Amy led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked everyone to briefly introduce themselves.

2. Volusia Sheriff's Office information: Lt. Powers e-mailed that he is out of town and that they are available for communication if anyone experiences issues. No one raised a current problem they wanted to discuss.

3. Acceptance of October 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes: Colleen Kurczi, Secretary requested a motion to accept them as written. Andrea Smiley moved and Jim Simmons seconded, and the motion carried.

4. Reports:

A. Review of Treasurer's Report: Tammy Schuler, Treasurer was away but provided the report. Colleen Kurczi stated the balance as of 10/12/21 is \$3,239.56, with income of \$385.00, expenses of \$263.91 which leaves an available spending balance of \$979.46. Andrea moved to accept the report and Roseanne Sampsell seconded. The motion carried.

B. Chuck Lennon Park Walking Trail update: Kevin Phelps reported that Tim Baylie continues to work toward getting this accomplished but he is meeting with other county departments this Friday to discuss it again. Members expressed frustration at the time this is taking for such a simple walking trail.

C. Chuck Lennon Park, Chuck Lennon Mountain Biking Trails: Kevin Phelps reported that the trails were flooded over the summer, almost all trails are cleared except for one for use. The Monday night mountain bike rides will resume this month and are held from 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

D. Hwy 17 Corridor Water and Sewer improvements update: Amy Munizzi reported that the project's engineering is proceeding and should be completed by the end of 2021. Construction material costs have risen and the project will cost more than anticipated. Volusia County Utilities Director Mike Ulrich and Engineer Erin Reed met with SJRWMD and FDEP to discuss the County's overall goals and are currently seeking additional funding through the State. The project continues to move forward.

E. McInnis Elementary School SAC: Colleen Kurczi reported that the November SAC meeting will be held Thursday, 11/18/21. The PTA has decided to host a Holiday/Christmas dance to be held December 3<sup>rd</sup> and if anyone would like to volunteer, please contact Colleen directly. Amy also reported that the school wide Spelling Bee is taking place December 13-14.

F. Ride Into Reading Update: MES Media Specialist Lisa Bertolami sent a report that 100% of third grade classes are participating. So far, they have amassed 963 points, the highest ever, this early in the program. One boy already has 200 points. Monthly gift cards will be awarded at the quarterly school assemblies so all third graders will see who won them, spurring on the competition.

G. Benevolence:

Troop-Ons© Coupons for Soldiers: Andrea Smiley gave a brief description of the program to collect manufacturers coupons for the troops and to date she has collected 9 lbs. 1 oz.

Cell Phones for Soldiers: Andrea Smiley gave a brief description of the project and stated she has shipped 22 lbs. 8.9 oz. of cell phones and accessories so far this year.

Malloy Head Start Thanksgiving Baskets: Colleen Kurczi reported for Tammy Schuler that we have raised the goal to 30 baskets due to the generous amount of donations we received. Publix has donated \$20 gift cards, CCDS members are collecting the non-perishable foods each Sunday, and we are providing the bins, desserts and additional food. Volunteers are needed to help fill and deliver them. Meet at CCDS at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> if you are able to help.

H. River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Board: Amy Munizzi reported that DSCA, Inc. submitted a "History of DeLeon Springs" document for the "History Along the Corridor" event at the Enterprise Museum January/February 2022. Amy said we have a rich history of people who came before us and invested their time, money and talent into building this community, just as we are doing now. The Enterprise Museum will

be open Thurs.-Sat. 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. with guest speakers on Saturdays sharing the history of the communities along the River of Lakes Corridor.

I. DSSP Kayak launcher sign: Amy Munizzi reported that the sign is finished but the woodworker they had is unable to do the frame for it. Two of our members have expressed interest and hopefully it can be complete and installed soon.

J. McInnis Elementary School First Grade "Pocket Readers" Program: Amy Munizzi said we have four volunteers but more volunteers are needed. Times can be flexible. Interested volunteers can contact Principal Paul Struska directly.

K. FDOT MES School Zone safety improvements: Amy Munizzi reported FDOT installed the 20 MPH signs, the 'speeding fines doubled' signs and extended the northbound 'end school zone' sign to beyond the carline exit. These safety improvements are important and were only accomplished because the MES PTA brought it to staff's attention and the DSCA, Inc. and MES Principal Paul Struska continued to follow up and press for them. This is the great kind of teamwork that gets things done for our community.

L. Volusia County Redistricting update: Amy reported that on October 28<sup>th</sup> the County Council and School Board met again but did not agree on a map. Each chose a different map, but DeLeon Springs remains intact, and in District One with Pierson and DeLand. The final map will be chosen in December.

5. Other business, reminders or announcements:

A. Malloy Head Start thanksgiving Baskets, fill and deliver 10:00 am Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>

B. Warm jacket/pullover drive for McInnis Elementary School, and toys for Malloy Head Start: we will collect the items at our December meeting. For the MES warm clothing, child sizes S-L and adult sizes S-M are needed for the children. Rosie Sanchez from MHS reported that they have 66 children enrolled ages one through five and they are collecting toys for the holiday for each child and their families. They suggested stuffed animals for small children, and for older children dolls, cars, puzzles, drawing and art kits, purses, learning toys, etc. Amy will follow up with an e-mail.

C. DSCA, Inc. December meeting options (dinner, desserts?): Amy asked for suggestions for our December meeting and after discussion it was agreed that the DSCA, Inc. will provide desserts so no one needs to bring a dessert and can focus on the warm clothing and toys that are needed.

D. DSCA, Inc. officers for 2022: Amy stated that there are no open positions at this time but if anyone wanted to run for a position, they were welcome to. No names were put forth. Jim Simmons moved to close the nominations and Amy thanked him for his confidence in our officers. She stated that we will affirm the current officers at the December meeting if no one comes forward.

E. First Baptist Church DeLeon Springs is celebrating their 100 Year Anniversary Sunday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. all are encouraged to come. Amy thanked them for their commitment to this community.

F. Volusia County Farm Tour, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am-12:00 pm. DSCA, Inc. Member Vo-LaSalle Farms will be participating and so will Jason Sampsell's deer farm. Discussion ensued.

6. Public Comments: Jim Simmons notified the membership that former member Jennie Mero passed in September, and the obituary was just recently posted in the Beacon. Amy reported that we were able to transfer leftover MES school supply funds to purchase emergency underwear for the school clinic. Melissa Borghorst asked if we plan to resume a festival, and it will be discussed for a new date in 2022. Mari Gaeta shared that CCDS hosts hot meals the third Friday of the month and will provide us a flyer to share with the community.

7. Adjournment. Next Meeting: Dessert, toy and clothing drive, Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m., The Christian Church at DeLeon Springs, 4481 Mills Rd.

Respectfully submitted,  
Colleen Kurczi, Secretary