

DeLeon Springs Community Association, Inc.
Annual Christmas Celebration
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 8, 2020

1. Amy Munizzi, President welcomed everyone, Pastor Doug Knight led the prayer and everyone introduced themselves.

2. Desserts were provided and served, and a casual time of fellowship was enjoyed, as people continued to arrive with a tremendous outpouring of warm clothing and toys.

3. Acceptance of the November 10th meeting minutes: Secretary Colleen Kurczi was unavailable; Amy stated the minutes were e-mailed to members and are on the website. Jim Simmons moved approval and Tammy Schuler seconded it; the motion carried.

4. VCSO Deputy Royce James spoke about the activities the VCSO is conducting in DeLeon Springs to reduce crime and speeding. He stated we must continue to call VCSO about issues because criminals repeat their activities despite being arrested or ticketed. Because of continued calls over particular areas of criminal activity, the VCSO has been able to successfully shut down locations that conduct illegal activities and make criminals uncomfortable enough to move elsewhere. DSCA, Inc. members thanked him and the entire VCSO for their protection and noted how often we see their patrols in our area, despite their limited resources.

5. Announcements:

A. Amy thanked our Officers and Board: Vice President Kevin Phelps, Secretary Colleen Kurczi, Treasurer Tammy Schuler, Board member Andrea Smiley, for their tremendous leadership during a very unique year. She stated she is grateful to serve the community with them. She noted that Tammy has been serving as Treasurer for the life of our organization and we would not be able to navigate without her.

B. Amy thanked the CCDS (Christian Church at DeLeon Springs) for their continued community partnership and the use of their facilities this year. She stated that we are grateful to have the use of the church's various rooms and even outdoor space for meetings and as a donation site. And being able to meet at the church has saved quite a lot of money, which we were able to invest back into helping the community.

C. Amy thanked all our members and visitors for the astounding donations of toys and stuffed animals for Malloy Head Start's children, and particularly Freedom Oaks Assisted Living for dozens of items they contributed this evening too.

D. Sonia Larrabee expressed their gratitude for the tremendous number of jackets, pullovers, caps, gloves, socks, etc. donated for the children of McInnis Elementary School. She announced that the warm clothing delivery to needy families will be December 17th, and volunteers are needed to sort, then deliver everything. Please meet at CCDS at 3:15 pm. She also thanked DSCA, Inc. for the candy and candy canes we donated for the MES Drive-thru Holiday Spectacular coming up on Friday, December 11th at 6 pm.

E. The Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Robin Knight. Amy stated Robin has been a truly valuable volunteer throughout the year with food drives, helping to acquire fresh foods and then be part of the sorting and deliveries. She also volunteered with the packing and delivery of the recent Thanksgiving food baskets. She was presented with a certificate and a gift card, and with our deep appreciation.

F. The Winter DeLeon Dispatch was handed out. Amy asked everyone to note the Accomplishments section, and she read several of the wonderful things we were able to accomplish this year. Despite not having our usual festival fundraisers, members continued to open their hearts and wallets so we could switch gears and provide for the financial, food and clothing needs of our community. Amy thanked everyone for contributing items for Cell Phones for Soldiers and Troopons Coupons for Soldiers each month.

G. McInnis Elementary Principal Paul Struska introduced a need for a math program to help students close critical learning gaps. Math is one of three Areas of Focus for the School Improvement Plan and he would like to purchase a program to help students master basic math facts that are sorely lacking. Mastery of basic skills will positively impact their math achievement with more complex computations that rely on this mastery. To this end he secured a quote for "Reflex Math", a program he has personally used as a classroom teacher, and that is used in other Volusia County Schools. The quote was for \$2,965.50 for grades 2-5. He would like to purchase it and get it into classrooms by January 2021. He is bringing this need to SAC on December 10th but is not sure they can fund the entire amount. After a time of questions, answers and comments, DSCA, Inc. members requested he get back to us with what the SAC decides, and then if there is a financial shortage, we may offer an opportunity to our members to contribute to it if they so desire.

H. Amy thanked everyone again for their attendance and generosity and reminded them that the next DSCA, Inc. meeting will be our Annual Visioning meeting on January 12, 2021, at the Christian Church at DeLeon Springs. At that time, we will discuss and choose what things we want to dedicate our resources to in 2021. This meeting is open to everyone in the community to bring your friends and neighbors.