

**DeLeon Springs Community Association, Inc.**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, April 9, 2019**

1. Amy Munizzi, President called the meeting to order, led the Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and welcomed everyone and asked guests to introduce themselves. A special welcome was given to visiting member Harold Davis who has moved to Oregon but remains an active member.

2. Review of March 12th DSCA, Inc. meeting minutes: Laurie Haas, Secretary shared that the minutes were emailed out and are on the website. She asked for any questions or correction, and hearing none, Jim Simmons moved and Andrea Smiley seconded approval of the minutes; motion passed.

3. Review of Treasurer's Report: Tammy Schuler, Treasurer reported that we had expenses of \$1223.92 with income of \$994.00, which leaves an available spending balance of \$1,305.12. Tammy asked for questions or correction. Hearing none Harold Davis moved approval, Doug Knight seconded and the motion passed. Laurie Haas asked a question regard the Building fund. Tammy reported we have \$14,500.00 in the building fund. Amy reminded all that we still have a goal of purchasing land and building a community Center as Don Malmborg had envisioned. Amy met with Kirk Bower who represents the Clayton family who owns half of the Porter House property, in an attempt to buy it; he responding by saying they felt the value of their half of the property exceeds \$240,000. Amy has also sent letters and made phone calls to other property owners within Deleon Springs but has been unsuccessful in obtaining a suitable location. Amy reminded everyone that she negotiated a lease with Volusia County, at Don's request, for four plus acres on Burts Park Road that will expire later this year, as a community center location. She asked the members if anyone in the audience was in support of building there. No one raised their hand. Amy asked Kevin Phelps if the SORBA group would like the property, he stated the bike trails have already encroached onto that property to a certain degree.

4. Reports:

A. McInnis Elementary School SAC: Laurie Haas reported she attended the March 14th meeting. Volusia County schools voted for new start times for the 2019-2010 school Year as follows: Elementary: 7:50 am to 2:30pm, Middle School: 9:30am to 4:15pm and High School: 8:30 to 3:30pm. A grant was received that will allow for a Butterfly Project, 20 cages , starter kits and supplies have been ordered for 20 classrooms and a new irrigation system was installed for the school garden. Select Growers of DeLeon Springs donated landscaping for the gardens. An upcoming Literacy project will be announced in May.

B. DSCA, Inc. Merit Scholarship: Tammy Schuler reported 13 applications have been received, with a student that shined above the others, with impressive GPA, essay, application, etc., and a close second student. We have set aside \$600.00 for the Scholarship although last year we were able to give a \$1,000.00. Tammy moved that we add an additional \$400.00, moving \$100 from an unused "brag tags" line item and \$300.00 from available funds and again offer a \$1,000.00 scholarship; this was seconded by Rose Ann Sampsell: motion passed. Amy Munizzi then stated we have a second student that is a close second in GPA, essay, application, etc. When that happened last year, we solicited donations from the membership and were able to raise \$800.00 toward a second award. Amy moved that we do that again this year and see if there is support for a second scholarship, with a minimum of \$500.00. This motion was seconded by Rose Ann Sampsell and the motion carried. Amy will send out an e-mail.

C. River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Board: Janice Russak reported she attended the last meeting, with Rick Kirby as a guest speaker. The new Blue Springs sign will be coming soon. April 25th is the Monarch Mural Dedication on New York Avenue from 5:00 to 6:30pm; this is open to the public. New St. Johns River2Sea Loop maps are available on the Debarry Trail. Maggie Ardito encouraged towns to become a "trail town". Amy reported she looked into this and Deleon Springs is not able to do this because we are not yet part of the River2Sea Loop trail system and do not have the infrastructure in place to qualify.

D. Benevolence: Troop-ons© Coupons for Soldiers: Andrea Smiley reported that so far in 2019 she has shipped 4 lbs. of clipped coupons donated by our members. She appreciates that everyone is clipping

and contributing them. Cell Phones for Soldiers: Andrea reported that the total weight of phones shipped for 2019 is 64.85 oz., all to benefit our military, by recycling the phones and providing them with phone cards to call home. Amy thanked everyone for their support of both of these worthwhile programs, and Andrea for overseeing them. Amy also stated that she will send a thank you letter to the Knights of Columbus for their very large donation last month. Malloy Head Start Food Pantry: Amy Munizzi reported that the Malloy program now has approximately 70 children and families they are serving. There is a change in staff with Rosie transferring to DeLand; Betsy is the new director. Amy also reports that she will take all of our donations to the MHS on Wednesday and just how very appreciative they are.

E. Chuck Lennon Park and Mountain Biking Trail: Kevin Phelps reported that they have finished the trail extensions and they exceed the 10 miles needed, to be considered a "Destination Trail". Trails are open and in good condition. They are consistently ranked from the 5<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> best trail, in the over 200 trails within Florida. There is also a Dirt Bike Exhibition on Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup> at beginning at 10am.

F. Ride Into Reading Update: This third grade reading incentive program the DSCA, Inc. began six years ago at McInnis Elementary School will wrap up on April 30<sup>th</sup>. The Third Grade Award Ceremony is set for May 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. when the two new bicycles DSCA, Inc. purchased from JC's Bike Shop, and the new helmets they donated, will be awarded. Ron and Dianne Hermanski will present gifts to the first two students to read 50 books during this challenge.

G. Half Cent Sales Tax Information: Amy shared the display board showing the four areas of Volusia County where projects are proposed, allocating the money received if the Half Cent Sales Tax is approved. Residents will receive a ballot in the mail in May. Discussion ensued about the already funded FDOT widening of US Highway 17 from DeLeon Springs to Highway 40 and the SUN (shared use non-motorized) trail that will be constructed with it. This is already funded and not a part of the proposed Half Cent Sales Tax. A possible shoulder addition to CR 3 might be funded by the sales tax.

H. April 13<sup>th</sup> Art Among the Trees Juried Art, Craft and Music Festival Amy reported that all is in place for a successful Art Among the Trees Juried Art, Craft and Music Festival on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Exhibitors are set including artists, craftsmen, nonprofits including our churches, DSSP, FWC, DSFD, Forestry, Crankin A's Car Club, etc. are coming. Tammy said judging will be done by Courtney and Kelly Canova. Three bands will play on two stages. Linaje Escogido will sponsor the KidZone; the Grill Gang will head up the Food Court, Laurie has volunteers including Taylor High students. Jason Sampsell will cover the Welcome Booth; Andrea Smiley will set up and coordinate the volunteer luncheon. Tammy reminded everyone that Festival Shirts are on sale: \$15, or \$10 to members who are volunteering at the Festival. The DeLand Beacon had a photo and article about the upcoming Festival.

I. McInnis Elementary School "Send a Kid to Camp" drive: Amy stated that last year we raised \$600 to help send McInnis Elementary School students to Camp Winona and we will send more information about this after we see how members respond to the desire to offer a second high school scholarship.

5. Public Comments: Jeannie Mero with the COPS shared a pamphlet about Skimmer Prevention and reminder all to check your bank statements and accounts very closely as they have seen increase in fraud cases. Andrea circulated a sign up sheet for desserts for the Volunteer luncheon during the Festival. Harold Davis agreed to donate three dozen donuts for the volunteer's breakfast. Janice Russak distributed a flyer for the Wood Carvers Jamboree to be held at DeLeon Springs State Park on Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> from 10-2p

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m., the Porter House, 5030 US Hwy. 17 N.

Laurie Haas  
Secretary