

DeLeon Springs Community Association, Inc.
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 14, 2019

1. Amy Munizzi, President called the meeting to order, led the Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and welcomed everyone, asking guests to introduce themselves. Larry O'Donnell was given a warm welcome. Larry also shared his recovery from a severe motorcycle accident he was in earlier this year.

2. Review of April 9th DSCA, Inc. meeting minutes: Laurie Haas, Secretary shared that the minutes were emailed out, are on the website and she had copies available. She asked for any questions or correction, and hearing none, Jim Simmons moved approval, Andrea Smiley seconded; motion passed.

3. Review of Treasurer's Report: Tammy Schuler prepared the report but was out of town. Amy Munizzi handed out copies of it showing expenses of \$1,944.94 that included Festival expenses (judges, musicians, cash awards to artists, volunteer luncheon) with an income of \$1,876.00 (exhibitor fees, sponsors, food revenue, t-shirt sales) then line items that were backed out of our overall funds, which leaves an available spending balance of \$1,385.18. Amy clarified that the money raised from food sales was placed in the building fund as requested by the Grill Gang. Amy asked for questions or correction. Hearing none Jennie Mero moved approval, subject to audit. Jim Simmons seconded and the motion passed.

4. Reports:

A. Vice President's Report: Jason Sampsell reported that long time DeLeon Springs resident Markalee Blackwelder passed away. Family will receive visitors May 16th from 6-8pm at Allen Summerhill Funeral Home and services will be at First Baptist Church of DeLeon Springs Friday 11am.

B. April 13th Art Among the Trees Art, Craft and Music Festival update: Amy thanked everyone for working so hard to make this another successful festival for our community. Tammy had done an income and expenses statement for the festival, which ended with a total income of \$352.28. Amy stated this festival will probably be rolled into the October festival to make it one, bigger annual event, that includes judged art and craft work with cash awards; McInnis student art, non-profits, car show, KidZone, food court, live music, etc. and allow us to come up with a different type of event for the spring. Amy also shared newspaper articles and photos that were in the Beacon covering the festival.

C. River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Board: Janice Russak reported the meeting was held at historic Debary Hall, which is open to the public, includes a bike trail and offers tours for anyone that may be interested. The new River of Lakes Heritage Corridor brochure that highlights areas along the corridor was reviewed and Amy Munizzi requested Smooth Waters Wildlife Refuge be added. DSSP and LWNWR are already on the current one. Amy showed a copy of the proposed new brochure that now includes all three, so we will be well represented on the new brochure. Since brochures printing costs have gone up, Janice suggested Amy contact Cindy Sullivan and recommend E.O. Painter Printing Co.

D. Benevolence:

Troop-ons© Coupons for Soldiers: Andrea Smiley reported that for 2019 she has shipped 3.7 oz. of clipped coupons donated by our members. She appreciates that everyone is clipping and contributing them. Jennie asked where the coupons were going to; Andrea agreed to follow up and confirm what overseas bases receive them. Cell Phones for Soldiers: Andrea reported the total weight of phones shipped for 2019 is 64.81 oz., all to benefit our military, by providing them with phone cards to call home. Andrea thanked everyone for their support with these projects. Malloy Head Start Food Pantry: Amy Munizzi reported that the Malloy Head Start has a new director. They will be offering summer school and the needs are still there for any items donated. Amy again thanked all for their donations as they are always greatly appreciated. Janice Russak volunteered to deliver this month's donations to them.

E. Chuck Lennon Park and Mountain Biking Trail: Amy reported for Kevin Phelps who was away at a SORBA event. The trails are doing well and are packed with riders particularly on weekends. The recent

rains will probably impact the lower trails that may get muddy and need to be reworked. Chuck Lennon Park continues to be used by the public and includes playgrounds, tennis, racquetball, baseball fields, etc.

F. DSCA, Inc. Merit Scholarship update, Taylor Awards and June 11th reception: Jason Sampsell report that he will be there May 15th to present the DSCA, Inc. Merit Scholarship and an additional Scholarship provided by our members' donations. Amy Munizzi stated Britney Tagle will receive the \$1,000.00 scholarship. She has a GPA of 4.5, is third in her graduating class and is going to UF to study Health Sciences with a goal of becoming a medical doctor. Giselle Aquirre will receive an \$800.00 scholarship. She has a GPA of 4.0, will graduate high school with an AA Degree from Daytona State University and will be studying law with a goal of becoming an attorney. Amy stated we will have a reception for these students and their families at the beginning of our June 11th meeting.

G. Ride Into Reading update: Laurie Haas reported for Dianne Hermanski that our third grade reading incentive program the DSCA, Inc. began six years ago at McInnis Elementary School wrapped up April 30th. The Third Grade Award Ceremony is May 29th 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 students to read 50 books during this challenge. Amy also reported that \$10.00 gifts cards will be provided to students that read a large number of books as well. Media Students read a total of 5,527,582 words and accumulated 5,157 Reading Counts points during the challenge, raising their reading proficiency, which is the goal of the program!

H. McInnis Elementary School SAC: Laurie Haas reported that Parents Day is May 22nd 2:30pm-4:30PM. Title One money was used to fund the Butterfly project and the Literacy Event, which includes five classrooms that have been rearranged and decorated to showcase books. Collen Kurczi shared a handout about the McInnis Science Event on May 17th when the Orlando Science Center is coming to McInnis; they will have 15 stations set up with the Theme "Way out There". Amy had sent members an e-mail from Sonia Larrabee stating volunteers are needed. Amy stated that Select Growers donated multiple items for the Butterfly Garden and they will have an ad in the next four DeLeon Dispatches.

I. McInnis Elementary School "Send a Kid to Camp" drive: Amy stated that coordinating teacher Sonia Larrabee has asked us if we would be willing to sponsor two students that are in financial need to attend Camp Winona for a week this year: a McInnis Elementary School 3rd grade girl, and a Taylor Middle 6th grade boy. Cost for each is \$550. We already have a donation of \$200 toward it that came in after the last meeting. Amy moved that we move the \$100 Brag Tags money over to this initiative, since it was not needed for the DSCA, Inc. Scholarship. Jason Sampsell seconded and the motion carried. Amy will send out an e-mail if anyone would like to donate. Two members came forward and donated an additional \$150.00 and the meeting ended with \$450.00 in hand toward these sponsorships.

5. New Business: Town of Pierson Annual July 4th Family Fun Celebration sponsorship request: Amy stated that Tammy received this annual request from Town of Pierson and we have sponsored this community event for several years. Town of Pierson recently sponsored our Art Among the Trees Festival at the \$200 Oak Level. Jason Sampsell moved we sponsor at the Stripes Level of \$100, seconded by Coleen Kurczi; motion carried.

6. Public Comments: Jason Sampsell shared that a local resident and new member BandN Metal Art (Brian Smith) recently made and donated a metal mascot paw to McInnis Elementary School that is displayed at the entrance, an example of our generous business partners. Jason also shared that he attended the Marine Graduation Ceremony in Paris Island where DeLeon Springs resident Christian Camacho graduated first in his class out of several hundred Marines. This is a very high honor indeed from within our community. Jim Simmons reminded everyone that the DeLeon Springs United Methodist Church hosts their Spaghetti Dinner the third Saturday of each month from 5-7:00 p.m., \$8 per adult.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 11th, 6:00 p.m., the Porter House, 5030 US Hwy. 17 N., including a dessert reception for our DSCA, Inc. Merit Scholarship recipients.