

**DeLeon Springs Community Association, Inc.**  
**Eighth Anniversary Covered Dish Dinner Celebration**  
**Tuesday, August 13, 2019**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Amy Munizzi, President welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming and bringing dinner items to share. Guests introduced themselves, including Georgia Turner of West Volusia Tourism, scholarship winners Britney Tagle and Giselle Aguirre with her mom and brother. Pastor Doug Knight led the Prayer and everyone enjoyed a time of food and fellowship including a "Happy 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary" cake dessert.

Amy stated the June 11<sup>th</sup> minutes were e-mailed to members and are posted on the website. Andrea Smiley moved approval, Jason Sampsell seconded; there were no corrections and the motion passed.

Malloy Head Start Back to School Drive update: Amy said our goal was to meet last year's 30 backpacks filled with school supplies. Due to the tremendous support of our members, we were able to purchase and fill 58 backpacks, which Tammy Schuler delivered to MHS. Andrea received several boxes of school supplies from the Paisley Women's Auxiliary and Tammy took those to McInnis Elementary. The Christian Church's backpack give away had some left over and Jim Hawkes will donate them to McInnis as well.

"Accomplishments" review: Amy handed out a page showing what we have accomplished so far this year and it is quite impressive, including hosting an art festival, Dessert with a Deputy, backpack give away, two reading program bicycle awards, two camp scholarships and two college scholarships. We also attended a Volusia County water quality seminar with consultants who proposed several options. Pat Patterson updated us on FDEP's mandates for spring shed areas, in place to reduce septic system pollution, with which Volusia County must comply. Amy thanked everyone for their donations, hard work and enthusiasm in support of the activities we do to better our community. The list will be on our website.

October 19<sup>th</sup> Autumn in the Oaks Art, Music and Crafts Festival update: Andrea stated she will have a sign up sheet at the September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting for food donations. Jason said he will cover the Welcome Booth. Amy said Laurie Haas will need volunteers, Tammy is processing applications and we have several exhibitors already signed up. We have three bands coming; Smokey Bear, the Chick-fil-A Cow and McInnis Bobcat will make appearances; Bob Brooks updated the festival logo and the t-shirts will be black this year. Chuck Coleman will head up the Grill Gang again and hopefully M&E BBQ will be served. Lucy Mancilla stated Linaje Escogido will sponsor the KidZone again and they are planning fun activities for the children.

Amy shared that we recently received an e-mail from Kirk Bauer, a member of one of the families that own the Porter House property, stating they will be charging \$1,200 per month rent beginning January 1, 2020. The DSCA, Inc. Board feels that we already have the expenses of insurance, electricity, lawn care and grounds maintenance on the property and since we only use it for monthly meetings and two festivals per year, a high monthly rent would drain the money we now use to help the community. The owners are allowing us to stay until the end of December so after that point we will need a new monthly meeting location. Amy asked everyone to think of options and bring suggestions to the next meeting.

Additional Information: McInnis Elementary School has a new principal, Dr. Sharon A. Lavallee who comes from a middle school in Deltona. Coach Josh Ebert will be the guest speaker at the September meeting to discuss the Wildcat 5-K, which we help sponsor each year.

Comments: Georgia Turner stated she is impressed with all this organization does and thanked us for our support of the efforts of West Volusia Tourism. Amy thanked Georgia for the outstanding job she does promoting our area and literally putting us on the map, with a map that shows the points of interest in our area including DSSP, LWNWR/Wings of the West, Smooth Waters, Chuck Lennon Park, etc. Georgia stated David Martin from Fox 35 will be at Spring Garden Vineyards Thursday from 7:15-9:30 a.m. touting our local vineyard, owned by Robin and Wanda Lennon.

Jim Simmons showed a brochure on the Little Free Lending Library they are installing at DeLeon Springs United Methodist Church. Juan Mancilla with Cutting Edge contributed a mulch walkway on their grounds and benches are there too.

Andrea read a letter we received from Troopons Coupons for Soldiers stating that 90% of the coupons have been used by soldiers and their families, helping them save 50-70% on their grocery bills. She has shipped 6 lb. 4.22 oz. of coupons this year. We are still collecting used cell phones for Cell Phones for Soldiers. So far in 2019 she has shipped 70.50 lbs. of them. Amy thanked Andrea for her dedication to these causes.

Jason stated that people have contacted him regarding bear issues. He advised that we leave them alone, do not approach them, it is illegal to shoot them and we can put in our name for a bear proof trash can with Volusia County Solid Waste. When experiencing criminal issues, contact VCSO with as much specific information as possible such as tag number, time of day, what someone was wearing, etc. Jason reiterated the VCSO is not moving into the Tractor Supply location and a substation is not in their budget.

Jennie Mero reminded us the COPs will do a free House Watch; applications are on the desk.

Janice Russak brought maps from the River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Board meeting and Georgia stated that West Volusia Tourism did them so people could have handy references to local attractions.

Apolonia Jaimes, Giselle's mom, stated she was impressed with what the DSCA, Inc. does and how generous we are to the community. She said the Taylor boys' soccer team had a fundraiser for much needed uniforms and want to do another one. Amy said if she e-mails the information we can forward it.

Both Giselle and Britney thanked the DSCA, Inc. members for their scholarships and told us about their plans for college. Giselle will be attending UCF and Britney will attend U of F.

Next DSCA, Inc. General Meeting: Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m., the Porter House, 5030 US Hwy. 17 N. We will have the Fall DeLeon Dispatch to hand out and new Festival t-shirts for sale!

## **Happy Eighth Anniversary DeLeon Springs Community Association, Inc.!** **Here's what you've accomplished so far in 2019:**

### **JANUARY:**

- ☀ Hosted our Annual Visioning Meeting, reviewing activities we supported or held to enrich our community; received feedback from our members for the projects they chose to dedicate time and talents to in 2019.
- ☀ Hosted the River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Board with a breakfast during their January meeting.
- ☀ Posted the DSCA, Inc. Merit Scholarship Criteria and Application.
- ☀ Was voted by the Volusia County Council to receive the "State of the Arts" License Plate Program Mini Grant in the amount of \$500 in support of the April Art Among the Trees Festival.
- ☀ Festivals Board began planning the Seventh Annual Art Among The Trees Art, Craft and Music Festival.

### **FEBRUARY:**

- ☀ Hosted a free "Dessert with a Deputy" event with the Volusia County Sheriff's Office that was open to the public. Nearly 30 community members interacted with deputies while enjoying delicious desserts.

### **MARCH:**

- ☀ DSCA, Inc. Merit Scholarship Board met and chose a scholarship recipient from the applications that were submitted for review. DSCA, Inc. members voted to fund one scholarship at \$1,000.00 and a second scholarship at \$800.00 if funds were donated.
- ☀ Published the Spring Edition of the DeLeon Dispatch Newsletter.

### **APRIL:**

- ☀ Hosted the Seventh Annual Art Among The Trees Art, Craft and Music Festival including the art work of 40 McInnis Elementary School students. Judges were Courtney and Kelly Canova. Best of Show/\$250 award winner: Leland Williams, Painting, Sculpture. First Place Art/\$200 award winner

was Tim Peterson, Oil Painting. First Place Craft/\$200 award winner: Cecilia Howington, Handcrafts. Second Place Art/\$100 award winner: Paul Busch, Woodturning. Second Place Craft/\$100 award winner: Cindy Horvath, Small batch jams and fruit butters. Third Place Art/\$25.00 cash award winner: Margo Parenti, Art glass, jewelry. Third Place Craft/\$25.00 award winner: Doug Garvey, Woodworking.

#### **MAY:**

- ✿ Presented DSCA, Inc. Merit Scholarships and certificates to two DeLeon Springs-resident students at the Taylor High Awards Night ceremony: \$1,000 to senior Britney Tagle and \$800.00 to senior Giselle Aguirre.
- ✿ Awarded certificates and embossed ribbons to McInnis Elementary School student artists in grades K-5 who participated in the Art Among the Trees Art, Craft and Music Festival.
- ✿ Awarded \$550 Camp Winona Scholarships to MES student Angelina Harris and Taylor student Jesus Lopez.
- ✿ Presented two new Sixth Annual DSCA, Inc. Ride into Reading Third Grade Challenge bicycles at McInnis Elementary School to the top scoring boy, Kaleb Benson and the top scoring girl Sofie Morado. Honorable mention gift cards went to Angel Rodriguez, Justin Lagunas, Madison Michaud, Melanie Santiago and Roger Montero for each scoring above 150 points. 100% of the 3rd grade students participated.

#### **JUNE:**

- ✿ Hosted a reception for DSCA, Inc. Merit Scholarship Award recipients Britney Tagle and Giselle Aguirre.
- ✿ Published the Summer Edition of the DeLeon Dispatch Newsletter.
- ✿ Attended a Volusia County workshop on Wastewater Treatment Feasibility for the DeLeon Spring Basin, working toward compliance with the FDEP's Basin Management Action Plan for the area.

#### **JULY:**

- ✿ Festival Board began planning the Seventh Annual Autumn in the Oaks Art, Music and Crafts Festival.
- ✿ Added lattice to, and planted flowers at, the south "Welcome to DeLeon Springs" sign.
- ✿ Sponsored the Town of Pierson's July 4<sup>th</sup> Family Fun Celebration.

#### **AUGUST:**

- ✿ Held a Malloy Head Start Back to School Drive for students in need and obtained enough funds and items to fill 58 new backpacks with school supplies, which we delivered to MHS prior to school's start.
- ✿ Hosted a dinner to celebrate DSCA, Inc.'s Eighth Anniversary of service to DeLeon Springs.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS ENRICHED OUR COMMUNITY BY CONTRIBUTING YOUR TIME, TALENT, MONEY, ENCOURAGEMENT, ATTENDANCE AND SUPPORT!

If you are not yet a member, please join us and be part of the revitalization of DeLeon Springs.

Visit us at [www.deleonspringscommunityassociation.com](http://www.deleonspringscommunityassociation.com) and click on the "Join Us" tab to learn more.