

DeLeon Springs Community Association, Inc.
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 10, 2019

1. Call to Order, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, introductions: Amy Munizzi, President called the meeting to order, led the prayer and Pledge and welcomed everyone.

2. Acceptance of August 13th DSCA, Inc. meeting minutes: Amy stated the minutes were e-mailed out and are on the website. Rose Anne Sampsell moved approval; Janice Russak seconded. There were no corrections and the motion passed.

3. Treasurer's Report: Tammy Schuler discussed the report stating that we had many recent expenses due to insurance and the Festival but will have additional income from exhibitors and sponsors to balance it out. Expenses were \$3,292.27, Income was \$2478.00, balance is \$16,440.72, minis dedicated line items, gives an available spending balance of -\$115.53. Jason Sampsell moved approval; Janice Russak seconded, there were no corrections and the motion passed.

4. Guest Speaker, Coach Josh Ebert spoke about the Wildcat 5-K Sponsorship information. Now in its sixth year, it's because of Coach Josh's commitment to our community's students that the event has grown to over 250 participants. 100% of the profits will be used to aid the Cross Country Program at Taylor, directly affecting our community's boys and girls in grades 6-12. Volusia County Schools charges each student \$75 to participate in the program, putting a strain on a lot of families, especially with more than one child participating. The Wildcat 5-K is the best way to assure that every student can afford to participate. Amy stated we have a budgeted line item of \$250 to support this at the Silver Sponsor Level. Last year, we were able to Sponsor at the \$500 Gold Level due to additional donations, and members agreed to open this to additional donations to try to reach that. Amy will send out an e-mail. Deadline is next Friday (13th) and then we will sponsor at whatever we have donated.

5. Reports:

A. Vice President's Report: No report

B. Seventh Annual Ride Into Reading update and Kick Off: Bikes have been purchased from JC's Bike Shop, who gave us a substantial discount on excellent quality bikes, and they donated two helmets. We purchased six Walmart gift cards and made cards to go with them so students can vie for them as monthly reading incentives. Amy delivered bikes, helmets and gift cards to the school Monday. The kick off rally will be led by Ron and Dianne Hermanski and held in the MES Media Center Thursday, September 12, 1:45 pm. The program runs through May, 2020, expanding the program by a month this year to give students additional time to amass points. The program is based on the Reading Counts program already in place. Students choose a book to read from hundreds of books in the program, then take a computerized quiz that awards points for reading comprehension. There are three third grade teachers with 60 students able to participate. We thank Lisa Bertolami, MES Media Specialist and all the third grade teachers for helping to make this a successful and rewarding program.

C. River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Board: Janice Russak reported on the guest speaker who gave a retrospective of events that pertained to DeLand's history. RoL spent \$579.15 on brochures that go in Florida Welcome Centers on I-75 and I-95, touting the corridor, which includes DeLeon Springs, and our DSSP, LWNWR, Chuck Lennon Bike Trails and Smooth Waters Wildlife Park. West Volusia Historical Society will offer a free museum day on September 21st. River2CLoop will host a Spring Ride on February 15th. Amy handed out copies of our DeLeon Dispatch to participants and highlighted the Wildcat 5-K, "Wings of the West" at LWNWR, and our October Festival.

D. Benevolence:

Troop-ons© Coupons for Soldiers: Amy reported for Andrea Smiley that in 2019, 7 Lbs. 6.02oz. of clipped coupons have been shipped out. She thanked Roseanne and Janice for their continued contributions.

Cell Phones for Soldiers: Amy reported for Andrea that she has shipped out 81 lbs. of used cell phones and accessories so far in 2019. Amy thanked Jason, who brought in 10 lbs. of donated phones, and stated Andrea said to 'keep em coming'.

Malloy Head Start Food Pantry and Backpack Drive: Amy thanked everyone for their donations and stated she will deliver them to the grateful staff at MHS tomorrow. Tammy reported that she delivered 58 backpacks full of school supplies to MHS and the staff was delighted by our support.

E. Chuck Lennon Park and Mountain Biking Trail: Kevin Phelps sent in a report that the trails are in poor shape due to erosion and a current lack of volunteers due to injuries and travel to other areas. At this time only two of the seven trails are open but they hope to host a work day soon.

F. October 19th Autumn in the Oaks Art, Music and Crafts Festival update: Tammy stated that artists, craftsmen and crafters, are signing up. Amy reported that MES students will display for the first time in our October event; we'll have live music with three bands; Crankin As will display their historic cars. The Forestry Team's Smoky Bear will be there and the Chick-fil-A cow, MES Bobcat and lots of nonprofit and educational exhibitors. The grill gang will serve M&E BBQ. Ami and Lucy Mancilla showed off the fun craft projects they will do in the KidZone, sponsored by Linaje Escogido. Amy showed the ad we have in the Beacon and half page ad in all five Gage Magazines. She handed out Festival flyers encouraging everyone to take them around to businesses, churches, etc. and help promote the Festival.

G. McInnis Elementary School SAC: Colleen Kurczi sent a report that the school is excited to welcome Dr. Lavalley who brings 30+ years of education experience and was the principal at Galaxy Middle School in Deltona. New instruction hours are 7:50 am to 2:30 pm; early release Wednesdays at 1:30. VCS has updated security measures to require parents/guardians walking on campus for drop off in the morning to sign in at the office and exit campus by 7:45 am. The "Falling All In" event will be October 11th from 5-7 pm, please contact Mrs. Sonia Larrabee if you would like to host a trunk for the trunk or treat. Title I funds have not yet been released for the 2019-2020 school year but are anticipated to be received by October.

H. DSCA, Inc. meeting location options for 2020: Janice stated she looked into meeting at MHS but the room they offered has no air conditioning. MES required liability insurance and the cost would be \$35 per hour and a \$25 cleaning fee. Amy stated the Christian Church has offered to host us. LWNWR has a classroom we may be able to use and their manager is looking into it. First Baptist Church has yet to decide whether to allow us to meet there. Jim Simmons stated he will ask DSUMC if we could meet there. Andrea left a report that Cherie Armstrong offered their break room at the Laundromat; Mr. Subs offered for us to meet there, and Doc Carter of The Cottages offered to renovate one of the cottages at no charge with a monthly rent of \$800. Members discussed all the options and felt we could not afford to spend funds on rent that would be better spent serving our community; we might interfere with people using the laundromat or confuse people who might think Mr. Subs was open. Members voted to keep MES, the Christian Church, LWNWR, DSUMC and FBDS on the list of options and make a final decision in October. Amy thanked everyone for collecting information and said it was heartwarming that so many people came to our aid with offers and suggestions, showing their support for the work we do to serve this community.

6. New Business:

A. International Walk To School Day is Wednesday, October 2th, 7:10 a.m. We will partner with MES and VCSO to host this event and send out flyers, etc. to promote it. Participants will meet at the Porter House at 7:10 am, walk to the school for a presentation, and DSCA, Inc. will give a gift card to the MES art teacher for students to participate in the Festival.

B. MES "Falling All In" event, Friday, October 11th, 5-7 p.m. They need volunteers to help before and during the event to set-up, monitor stations, etc. Or host a trunk for the 'Trunk or Treat' area where one can advertise their business by opening their car trunk, showcasing their business by decorating the trunk, and passing out candy to students. Please contact Sonia Larrabee at 386-785-5565. DSCA, Inc. will have a trunk in support of the event.

C. Amy handed out the DeLeon Dispatch Fall Edition which included articles and photos of many of the activities we discussed and encouraged everyone to take them to businesses, churches, etc.

D. Tammy said she just picked up the new Festival t-shirts which she had for sale, \$15 or \$10 to festival volunteers.

7. Public Comments: (participants have up to 4 minutes to speak) no additional comments.

Next DSCA, Inc. General Meeting: Tuesday, October 8th 6:00 p.m., the Porter House, 5030 US Hwy. 17 N.