

DeLeon Springs Community Association, Inc.
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 13, 2018

President Amy Munizzi called the meeting to order and welcomed a full house including lots of visitors and new members; offered the prayer and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and then everyone introduced themselves. Amy thanked Shirley Malmborg and the Malmborg family for their continued generosity in allowing our use of the Porter House and grounds, especially with the April 14th Festival coming up.

Board member Laurie Haas sat in for Secretary Pam Coleman, and Amy stated the January 9th DSCA, Inc. meeting minutes had been e-mailed to all members. She asked for comments and seeing none, Jim Simmons moved approval; Andrea Smiley seconded, and the motion passed.

Treasurer Tammy Schuler reviewed the Treasurer's Report stating the expenses (\$133.05), and the income (\$2,370.00) from newsletter sponsors; festival sponsors and exhibitors, and membership dues. Tammy explained the line items and showed an available balance of \$2,680.89. She reminded everyone that dues are what make it possible for the DSCA, Inc. to do all the wonderful things we do for this community, and she thanked everyone who has been so faithful. She also welcomed new members Kim Jacob, Lee and Nita Patten and seasonal visitor Margo Boyd, who will be returning to Maine soon.

Reports:

Vice President Jason Sampsell reported that there are speed reduction signs in place on US Highway 17 at both the north and south entrances to our community, that let people know the speed is reduced, in response to a member's inquiry at the January meeting. He also stated we have received a Restitution Order for Mike J. Walters to pay us for \$100 in damages due to him breaking into the Porter House, damaging the door and taking the DVD player and TV. Jason will follow up on that to see what possibility there is of it being paid. Jason has continued to follow up with the crash that destroyed the welcome sign to our south and any possibility of insurance paying for the damage. He also reminded us that the Special Olympics Torch Run is coming to DeLand March 31st and the flyer was e-mailed to members. He also had a flyer with him. He will be running in it.

Coffee and Dessert With A Deputy: Jason Sampsell stated we are hosting this event on Monday, February 19th, 6:00 p.m. and Andrea passed around a dessert sign up sheet. She and Amy will set up for the event and we encourage all members to attend.

McInnis Elementary School SAC: Laurie Haas reported they did not meet in January but she will attend the meeting on February 15th and report to us in March. It's open to the public; they do have funds to spend and desire input on where to best help the school.

DSCA, Inc. Merit Scholarship: Tammy Schuler stated the scholarship is a designated line item in the minimum amount of \$600 but \$1,000 was awarded last year due to additional member donations. It's been e-mailed out to members, schools, teachers, etc. and it's also available on our website. Application deadline is March 30th.

Project Speak History display's new home: Amy Munizzi reported that on January 13th Ron and Dianne Hermanski headed up Project Speak History during "A Day in Florida History" at DeLeon Springs State Park. On January 16th, it moved to its new home in the Pioneer Arts Settlement's Bridge Tender's House. We are grateful to DSSP Manager Brian Polk for allowing us to place it in their Visitor's Center for the past year, and PAS Director Debra West for welcoming it to their facility. We also thank Ron and Dianne Hermanski for taking on the tasks of finding the new home and getting the display moved there.

Benevolence: Troop-ons© Coupons for Soldiers: Andrea Smiley explained the program and stated the coupons can be up to one month expired, and should be clipped to save on shipping costs. To date we have shipped over 16 lbs. of coupons. Cell Phones for Soldiers: Andrea stated we have shipped over 40 lbs. of used cell phones and accessories to this organization for them to recycle the phones and purchase phone cards for troops to call home. Amy thanked Andrea for keeping up with both of these programs for

the last several years. She also let everyone know that Andrea has been the one keeping the Porter House in great shape, dumping trashcans, etc. and thanked Andrea for all her hard work, for which she received a hearty round of well-earned applause from the group. Malloy Head Start Food Pantry: Amy thanked everyone for their extremely generous donations, including food, diapers and many new clothing items for the children. Amy stated she will deliver the donations to MHS Wednesday morning and the families will be so grateful for our members' kindness.

River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Board: the February meeting was held at the Orange City Council Chambers. A guest speaker shared the city's efforts to reduce the number of septic systems in the city. Jason expanded on that and discussion arose about the renewed restrictions that will come about now that the economy has improved and construction activities are increasing, particularly for springshed areas, which include the community of DeLeon Springs. Grants may be available for individuals to upgrade their systems, when the newer restrictions are implemented in the future.

Ride Into Reading: Amy stated that as of January 31st third graders have earned 5,126 points. Now at the mid point of the challenge, scores have far surpassed even the final scores in the program when it started five years ago. We extend our gratitude to Media Specialist Lisa Bertolami, who manages this program and the third grade teachers for keeping their students motivated.

Chuck Lennon Park and Mountain Biking Trail: Kevin Phelps reported they have a big event coming in November and are continuing to move forward to their goal of becoming a 'destination trail' of 10 or more miles of biking trails. The adjacent property owners who have been in opposition continue to throw obstacles in the way of the new trail, but the CLMBT group has continued to work toward the goal and continue to maintain the current tracks. Someone has been throwing garbage in the Park and animals are spreading it. The CLMBT group has a Boy Scouts troop coming in to help with maintenance and clean up.

April 14th Art Among the Trees Juried Fine Art, Fine Craft and Music Festival: Amy reported we have two and possibly three bands committed to play; COPs will help with traffic again; Crankin As will have their cars on show; Creative Arts will sponsor the KidZone; food will be grilled and served by our volunteer Grill Gang headed up again by Chuck Coleman. Tammy said sponsors are lined up; artists and craftsmen are signing up fast. Andrea is heading up the Volunteer Luncheon and Mr. Subs is making the sandwiches; DeLeon Springs Laundromat is donating the sodas; Tammy is donating the chips, and Andrea will have a sign up for the desserts. Laurie said we'll need lots of volunteers to help with setting up chairs, tables the morning of the event, and to man the DSCA, Inc. Welcome Booth. Amy stated we received the State of the Arts Mini Grant again this year, in the amount of \$1,000 and explained the program, encouraging everyone to buy one of the State of the Arts license plates, as \$20 of every purchase goes directly back to funding events such as ours in Volusia County. Tammy announced the two judges that will be judging the arts and crafts for the festival and stated we are fortunate to have such well-qualified judges for our event. Margo Boyd suggested we have a People's Choice Award in the future.

Public Comments: (participants have up to 4 minutes to speak): Jennie Mero reminded everyone that the COPs will do a courtesy drive by or walk around for citizens who are out of town. You must sign up for this service. Jim Simmons stated the DS United Methodist Church Spaghetti Dinners have ended but the Food For the Journey program continues on the 3rd Thursday of each month. They served 66 people this past month, so including their families, over 200 people in our community were helped by this program.

Reminders: DeLeon Dispatch Spring Edition Sponsorships and articles are due by February 16th. Dessert with a Deputy is Monday, February 19th, 6 pm. Amy thanked everyone who signed up to bring a dessert. McInnis Elementary's Spirit Night at Sonny's BBQ is Thursday, April 5th. Please support them in their efforts to raise funds to send students to Camp Winona this summer. If you are unable to attend but wish to donate, go to the YMCA Camp Winona website, donate on line, and be sure to designate it for McInnis.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 13th, 6:00 p.m., the Porter House, 5030 US Hwy. 17 N.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie Haas, Amy Munizzi
For Pam Coleman