

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

President Amy Munizzi called the meeting to order and welcomed a full house including visitors; offered the prayer and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and then everyone introduced themselves.

Board member Laurie Haas sat in for Secretary Pam Coleman, and Amy stated the February 13th, DSCA, Inc. meeting minutes had been e-mailed to all members. She asked for comments and seeing none, Jason Sampsell moved approval; seconded by Shirley Malmborg and the motion passed.

Jason Sampson filled in for vacationing Treasurer Tammy Schuler and reviewed the Treasurer's Report stating the expenses (\$1,914.33), and the income (\$2,575.00) from newsletter sponsors, festival sponsors and exhibitors, and membership dues. He explained the line items and showed an available balance of \$3,341.56. Amy asked for any comments and hearing none, Jennie Mero moved approval; Jim Simmons seconded and the motion to approve them as given passed.

**Reports:**

Vice President Jason Sampson reported the new Festival t-shirts are available for purchase for \$15.00, but \$10.00 to anyone at the meeting and to all Festival volunteers. On February 19th we had seven deputies present for Dessert with a Deputy and 20 community members present. Discussion included crime prevention, Neighborhood Watch programs, noise and pet complaints and current narcotics issues. Multiple questions were asked and all questions were answered. Jason also shared that he and others volunteered at McInnis Elementary on March 10th set up 22 garden beds for students to plant, grow and consume the fruit of their labor.

McInnis Elementary School SAC: Laurie Haas reported they did not meet last month; the next meeting is Thursday March 15th at 7:30 am. She stated SAC has funds available and several teacher requests that have been fulfilled.

DSCA, Inc. Merit Scholarship: Amy reminded all that this scholarship is available for any high school senior that resides in DeLeon Springs and has been accepted to post secondary schooling. She 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. The reminder is on the marquee; it has been e-mailed out to members, schools, teachers, etc. and it is also available on our website. Application deadline is March 30th.

**Benevolence:**

Troop-ons© Coupons for Soldiers: Amy reported for Andrea Smiley that she recently shipped 3 lbs. 14 oz. of coupons.

Cell Phones for Soldiers: Amy reported for Andrea that the most recent shipment of used cell phones and accessories was 6 lbs. Andrea wishes to thank everyone for the donations and requests that you keep them coming!

Malloy Head Start Food Pantry: Amy thanked everyone for their extremely generous donations from last month, including food, diapers and many new clothing items for the children. A photo and article is in the DeLeon Dispatch. 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: Amy reported that Ron and Diane Hermanski are our liaisons for this. Amy reported that their recent meeting was held at the Deltona Community Center. There was extensive discussion concerning the March 8th DOT Byways meeting, which included plans for program support. Fundraising efforts continue through the adoption of interpretive panels at \$5,000 each.

Ride Into Reading Update: Amy reported that the program has far surpassed every year previous to this one and the students are amassing points daily. An article with more information is in the DeLeon Dispatch. She shared that not only are two bicycle a year awarded to the students, but DSCA, Inc. also provides

monthly Wal-Mart gift cards as incentives to keep the competition going. Laurie Haas asked for an update on Brag Tags and Amy explained the program, which is based on Reading Counts. The DSCA, Inc. gave a donation of \$400 to McInnis Elementary School toward the program and the students are very excited to earn the tags. Laurie Haas added that all of this has a positive effect on the student and all students can earn these rewards, not just the few.

Chuck Lennon Park and Mountain Biking Trail: Kevin Phelps reported that a free bike demonstration is planned for March 18th from 9am-1pm and open to the public. He stated new trails have been approved and markers have been placed, although barriers continued to be presented by a neighbor who does not agree with the new trail. Kevin states there is a lot of red tape and hurdles to cross to make this happened. Pat Patterson stated that he would be happy to assist Kevin with these challenges and circumstances. Pat also shared that land and funding has been acquired and plans are in place for a new park and boat ramp off Shell Harbor Rd. in Pierson. He also praised Kevin and his team for the great work they have done by creating these bike trails and the number of people that come into our town for the trails and events.

April 14<sup>th</sup> Art Among the Trees Fine Art, Fine Craft and Music Festival: Amy stated we had an anonymous donor pay Juan Mancilla and Cutting Edge to remove the dangling branches and cut down three huge dead trees in preparation for the Festival. Juan donated part of their services as well. Cutting Edge has begun mowing the grounds again, and they voluntarily weeded and fertilized the coontie in the medians. Amy will contact DOT to have the medians mowed just before the Festival. Festival flyers have been printed and Amy passed them out; the poster should be ready soon. Exhibitors are signing up and many of them are first timers. Creative Arts Academy is sponsoring the KidZone. Lee Munizzi reported that the musicians and sound tech are ready and we have two bands and perhaps a third. Amy said Publix donated a \$100 gift card for our Grill Gang to use to purchase food items. Crankin As are coming; COPs are all set to return to direct traffic and escort people back and forth across the highway. Laurie Haas will follow up with the McInnis PTA regarding desserts. Laurie said we have four volunteers to help with setting up chairs, tables, etc. the morning of the event, and to staff the DSCA, Inc. Welcome Booth. She is also looking into students from Taylor High to volunteer. 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; volunteers are needed to sign up for the desserts. Amy said we will have an early set up for exhibitors Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:00 p.m. 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.

Public Comments: Rachel Harrell said she is concerned about the cars that speed on our local streets specifically Desoto and Baxter St. She would like to start a petition to have speed bumps installed. Jason Sampson explained this may be difficult related to the cost of the speed bumps and responsibility to maintain them. Barb Girtman spoke by introducing herself and stated she is running for County Council District 1 Representative. She commented on how well the meeting was run and what an impressive organization we have. Sylvia Crump spoke and shared the history of Vo-LaSalle Farms and she was thanked for being a sponsor of our Festival. Laurie Haas reminded all that we thanked all sponsor and they will be recognized during the Festival on the hour every hour. A VCSO Deputy was present who reminded all to lock their cars and be aware; if you see something report it. He also stated that they will be working to stop speeding in the community.

Jennie Mero spoke and shared her book, Sunny the Rooster that is now available for \$15.00.

Janice Russak spoke regarding box tops and her attempts to donate them to McInnis Elementary; it was suggested that she present them to the front office. Laurie Haas also agreed to follow up for her.

Jim Simmons reported that the Methodist Church has a new pastor and they are in the process of moving in. He also stated they have a food pantry to help those in need, which is available once a month on Thursday from 3-5:30pm.

Reminders: Amy handed out the DeLeon Dispatch Spring Edition, which has been distributed to the Pioneer Settlement, post office, Malloy Head Start, McInnis Elementary, local businesses and will be placed in Festival goodie bags. Jason reminded everyone that the new Festival t-shirts were for sale, \$15, or \$10 for Festival volunteers and anyone attending the night's meeting. Amy reminded everyone of the McInnis

Elementary Spirit Night at Sonny's BBQ, Thursday, April 5th and encouraged everyone to support them in sending 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.

Amy adjourned the meeting and thanked everyone for coming. Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 10th, 6:00 p.m., the Porter House, 5030 US Hwy. 17 N.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Laurie Haas*

For Pam Coleman, Secretary