

DeLeon Springs Community Association, Inc.
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 10, 2018

President Amy Munizzi called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone including many visitors; offered the prayer and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and then everyone introduced themselves. Amy thanked Linda Malmborg Bruschayt and the Malmborg family for use of the Porter House as well as the grounds. During introductions three representatives from Malloy Head Start were also introduced.

Secretary's Report: Board member Laurie Haas stated the March 13th, DSCA, Inc. meeting minutes had been e-mailed to all members by Amy. She asked for comments or correction and seeing none, Andrea Smiley moved approval; Jason Sampsell seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Tammy Schuler, Treasurer reported that we currently have expenses of \$118.10 and income of \$1,090.00, which included anonymous donations of \$400.00 for the scholarship and \$100.00 for the Ride to Read program. Amy asked for any comments and hearing none, Jennie Mero moved approval; Andrea Smiley seconded and the motion passed.

Reports:

Vice President's Report: Vice President Jason Sampsell reported that he participated in a 2K Special Olympic run, which was successful. He also shared that the Florida Trail Association guest speaker Preston Root at Hidden Valley was informative and has an extensive background with NASCAR and local history. Jason also gave an update on a complaint regarding concrete blocks in the roadway, which do not appear intentional but had fallen from a vehicle. Linda stated Shirley Malmborg received notice that the fellow who burglarized the downtown area, Mike Walters, will be released in 90 days. Jason stated he has to pay restitution to several people including the DSCA, Inc. but it may be a term of his probation or a civil judgement. For those interested, more can be discovered at clerk.org which is public information.

McInnis Elementary School SAC: Laurie Haas reported the SAC meeting was held on March 22nd. Items discussed included school safety and security. The school has implemented new procedures and stricter policies and is looking into installing physical barriers at schools to allow only one entrance. Funds are available and requests have been received for the addition of a butterfly project that would be available for all grade levels. Next SAC meeting is April 19th at 7:30am. Additionally box tops may be delivered to the front desk and will be routed appropriately. No additional information regarding a summer library is available at this time.

DSCA, Inc. Merit Scholarship update: Tammy Schuler reported that she has received multiple applications for the scholarship, some coming from Taylor High's Guidance Department as well. She will sort through them to confirm which ones meet the criteria and will present the remainder to the Board for final determination of the winner at their meeting on Tuesday, April 24th. The Taylor Awards ceremony is May 16th at 6:30 p.m. but the recipient may not necessarily attend there. Amy thanked everyone for the additional donations that brought the scholarship up from the budgeted \$600 to \$1,000.00.

Benevolence: Troop-ons© Coupons for Soldiers: Andrea Smiley reminded all of this program and the purpose, as it benefits those serving in the military. Andrea has shipped almost five pounds of clipped coupons this year.

Cell Phones for Soldiers: Andrea reminded all that old phones and accessories are requested as these will be recycled for funds to give phone cards to our military serving overseas so that they may call home.

Malloy Head Start: Amy thanked all for the pantry items received tonight and reminded all how this benefits the children and families of our community. She then introduced Morgan, Rosie and Roselyn from the MHS and they each shared information regarding the program, those they serve, and resources needed. They currently serve 57 families and can be reached at 386-985-0807 for more information. They also thanked the DSCA, Inc. for our continuing donations and support They were also reminded of the upcoming festival on Saturday and the Kidzone that is available free of charge, so they may share with the families.

River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Board: Judy Thompson, Executive Director of the DeLand Art Museum gave a presentation on the DeLand Designated Art District. Fundraising efforts continue. DSCA, Inc. was originally asked to host the RoLHC Board in May but Andrea will be out of state and several key volunteers are unavailable. A new date of September 10th was open but the membership agreed we have a full plate and should return to hosting them in January as we have in previous years.

DSCA, Inc. Ride Into Reading Challenge Update: There has been fierce competition between third graders, vying for both the monthly Walmart gift card incentives and two new bikes on display in the Media Center. The program closes out the end of April, and students will learn of the contest outcome at their end of year Pride Award Ceremony.

Chuck Lennon Park and Mountain Biking Trail: Kevin Phelps stated things are looking good with new trail scheduled to open soon. They currently have seven miles of trail with a goal of 10 miles so they can be labeled a "destination trail". They are expecting an inspection this week and will then move forward. Hiking trails are also in the plan. Pat Patterson's wife was ill this week but he contacted DSCA, Inc. to let us know he is looking into the issues. Kevin reported he is meeting with Pat soon. On another note, Kevin reported that the DSCA, Inc. Facebook page has reached 1000 followers.

April 14th Art Among the Trees Fine Art, Fine Craft and Music Festival: Amy stated exhibitors are signed up and she is mowing the Porter House property this week and marking out exhibitor spaces. USA Services will mow the medians and then we can put out the "Festival Saturday" signs. She showed the bountiful Exhibitor Packet each one receives and encouraged everyone to wear our Festival shirt and welcome people at the Festival. Early set up for exhibitors is 5:00-6:30 p.m. Friday. Tammy said the judges are ready and we have the criteria finished; they will begin judging at 10:00 a.m. and winners will be presented checks and ribbons at noon. Amy passed out Festival flyers and the rest have been handed out and placed at businesses, Pioneer Arts, the post office, etc. Creative Arts Academy is sponsoring the KidZone and Karen Ellzey will do her usual fine job of facepainting. Mirabelle the Clown will be there doing balloon animals and Smokey Bear may be making an appearance. The bands and sound tech are ready and we have a Picker's Circle and Luthier on site. Publix donated a \$100 gift card for our Grill Gang to use to purchase food items and they will begin setting up early Saturday for the Food Court. Crankin As are coming; COPs confirmed they will be there to direct traffic and escort people back and forth across the highway. VCSO deputies will patrol the grounds over Friday night. Laurie reported she made goodie bags for the volunteers and also has Taylor High students signed up for set up and break down of tables, chairs, signage, trashcans, and to staff the Welcome Booth. McInnis PTA will be doing desserts, coffee and snow cones. 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. Andrea passed around a sign up sheet for volunteers to make desserts. Tammy has 100 Welcome Booth goodie bags ready that Laurie, Amy, Pam, Andrea and Tammy stuffed with our newsletter, discount coupons and brochures. The Festival begins at 9:00 a.m. but exhibitors will begin setting up at 7:15 a.m. Jason got cones and caution tape to block off the front and rear entrances at 9:00 a.m. so there is no vehicle traffic on the grounds. Wayne Allen will deliver the porta potties Friday. Amy reported we have nearly 50 McInnis student artists and showed the ribbon and certificate each of them will receive for being with us Saturday. Amy thanked all the volunteers who have worked so hard to make this another successful event for our community, and stated it has grown in stature to be something we can be proud of; many participants make positive comments about it and look forward to being in it.

Public Comments:

Amy provided an update regarding the Highway 17 widening to four lanes to Highway 40, and the included multi-use trail. This project is fully funded with a tentative completion date of 2020 and includes a roundabout at Spring Garden Ranch Rd. Volusia County will be extending the current trail that ends at Grand Ave. to Spring Garden Ranch Road so it can connect to the proposed trail on the east side of Highway 17.

Harry Price shared a short video featuring DeLeon Springs. He has a 60-minute DVD that is available for a discounted price of \$10.00 and suggested we sell it as a fundraiser. To that end he made several copies he gave to Tammy to sell at the Festival. He and his company Diamond Productions has donated over three thousand volunteer hours and several thousand dollars worth of work to our community to tape historic videos. Amy thanked him for all of his hard work on these projects.

Jennie with COPs reported that the suspect in multiple burglaries within DeLeon Springs has been arrested and is now in custody. Amy reminded everyone that when VCSO has information, such as the recent recovery of a stolen pressure washer, they see us as an important resource for communication of things happening in DeLeon Springs, and when they e-mail us, we forwarded that to our members who place things on social media, etc. and work together to help our community. This is another reason why the DSCA, Inc. is so valuable to our community, since we are unincorporated and have no local government besides Volusia County.

Jim Simmons introduced the Methodist Church's new pastor Arch Fisher and his wife Chris who told a little about themselves. Amy thanked them for sponsoring the DeLeon Dispatch. Jim asked Rosie from MHS if they were aware of the church's food pantry to help those in need, which is available each third Thursday from 3-5:30pm. The Church's contact information is on the back of the DeLeon Dispatch.

Reminders: Amy said new Festival t-shirts are for sale, \$15, or \$10 for Festival volunteers and anyone attending the night's meeting could purchase it from Tammy or Laurie for \$10. Amy adjourned the meeting and thanked everyone for coming. Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 8th, 6:00 p.m., the Porter House, 5030 US Hwy. 17 N.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Haas, Amy Munizzi