

DeLeon Springs Community Association, Inc.
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 8, 2019

1. Amy Munizzi, President called the meeting to order, led the Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and Colleen Kurczi introduced her two daughters, Brooke and Audrey who were visiting with us.

2. Acceptance of September 10th DSCA, Inc. meeting minutes: Amy stated minutes were e-mailed and may be found on the website. Roseanne Sampsell moved approval, Andrea Smiley seconded, and the motion passed.

3. Treasurer's Report: Tammy Schuler, Treasurer, reported that our expenses were \$917.26, income was \$1,275.00 and after deduction of budgeted line items we have a spending balance of \$492.21. Colleen questioned what the McInnis Educational Enhancement Fund was, and Tammy explained that is for the Ride Into Reading program. There is a balance of \$90.00 after purchase of bicycles and gift cards, to cover additional gift cards that may be awarded at the end of the year if we have a big group of readers with high scores, as we've had in the past. Jim Simmons moved for approval of the report; Kevin Phelps seconded, and the motion passed.

4. Reports:

A. Vice President's Report: Jason Sampsell was unavailable due to work duties.

B. DSCA, Inc. Ride Into Reading Challenge: Amy reported that Ron and Dianne Hermanski kicked off this reading incentive program September 12th with a rally in the McInnis Elementary School Media Center. All third grade classes were in attendance and are participating in the program. Amy had delivered the two new bicycles DSCA, Inc. purchased, and helmets donated by JC's Bike Shop, and they will be on display in the Media Center for the school year. DSCA, Inc. also donated six \$10.00 Walmart gift cards and Media Specialist Lisa Bertolami will award one per month to the most improved readers. Students will continue to read books in the Reading Counts library to amass points through May 15, 2020.

C. River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Board: Janice Russak had no report as they will meet next week.

D. Benevolence:

Troop-Ons© Coupons for Soldiers: Andrea Smiley reported we have mailed out 8 lb. 4.9 oz. of coupons and thanked everyone who brought more tonight. She will ship out another batch this month.

Cell Phones for Soldiers: Andrea stated we have shipped out 93.96 lb. of used phones and accessories, a record for us. She encouraged everyone to 'keep 'em coming'.

Malloy Head Start Food Pantry: Amy thanked everyone for their continued dedication to bringing non-perishable foods each month, and she will deliver them to MHS tomorrow.

Jim Simmons reported that the D. S. United Methodist Church's Food for the Journey program is third Thursdays from 3-5:30 p.m. It's for McInnis area families and they currently serve 60-70 people who come to obtain food for their families, which means they are feeding 200-250 people in need in our community.

E. Chuck Lennon Park and Mountain Biking Trail: Kevin Phelps reported that the trails had to be closed for maintenance but after two weeks of hard work by their volunteers, the trails were opened again just in time for all of this rain so some may be reclosed if they get too wet. He anticipates big crowds now that it's cooler. Kevin discussed a possible hiking trail along the old roadbed down to Spring Garden Lake and asked if we were in favor of it. After positive discussion comments, Amy moved we give Kevin permission to let Volusia County know we are in support of this trail. Robin Knight seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Amy offered to write a letter of support if Kevin felt it would help.

F. International Walk To School Day: Amy reported the event was October 2nd and we had over 100 people attend, which began at the Porter House, where students, parents, VCSO staff and DSCA, Inc. volunteers met. Lt. James Day of the VCSO gave a rousing safety talk and deputies handed out candy.

Then everyone walked to McInnis Elementary School for a brief presentation, where Amy presented MES art teacher Jessica Osterhout with a gift card so she could purchase items for the student artist to participate in Autumn in the Oaks.

G. McInnis Elementary School SAC: Colleen Kurczi said they will meet again next week.

H. Wildcat 5-K Sponsorship update: Tammy Schuler reported we were able to raise enough funds, along with our budgeted line item to sponsor at the \$500 Gold Level and she thanked everyone for their generous support. She mailed the check to them and we have three runners signed up from the DSCA, Inc. so far. Amy encouraged others to participate and handed out registration forms.

I. MES "Falling All In" event, Amy stated MES needs volunteers for this event, which is this Friday, October 11th, 5-7 p.m. DSCA, Inc. will have a 'trunk' of candy, along with other businesses and organizations in DeLeon Springs. Colleen stated the SAC had several requests for support for it at the last SAC meeting because there will be several fun stations and activities for students to enjoy at the event. She gave some information about how the 'trunk' event and set up went last year and stated we should get there by 4:00 p.m. to have our vehicle trunk decorated and ready.

J. October 19th Autumn in the Oaks Art, Music and Crafts Festival update. Amy shared that the deadline for applications was last Friday and we have a full event with a good variety of art and craft exhibitors, non-profit, church and educational groups along with the Chick-fil-A Cow, MES Bobcat and Smoky Bear. MES has approximately 45 student artists signed up and Amy showed off the certificates they will receive, along with participation ribbons. We have three bands playing live on stage all day; Crankin As will display their historic cars. Chuck Coleman and the Grill Gang will be serving up M&E BBQ. The McInnis PTA will be selling desserts as a fundraiser. Jason will head up the Welcome Booth with Taylor High volunteers again. Linaje Escogido will sponsor the KidZone and Karen Ellzey will do the face painting again. COPs will direct traffic to get people safely to the event. Tammy showed off the new goodie bags the Festival Board stuffed Monday night, with sponsor-donated items. Andrea said the volunteer luncheon is all set with Mr. Subs doing the sandwiches, and volunteers donating side dishes. Amy has made coupons for Sonny's, Smooth Waters, Mr. Subs, discount t-shirt, etc. for the exhibitor/musician/A's goodie bags and will stuff them. Cutting Edge mowed the property and Amy will mark it for exhibitors next week. She handed out flyers and the new posters encouraging everyone to take them to help promote the Festival.

K. DSCA, Inc. meeting location options for 2020 discussion: Amy reported that she visited the Christian Church and they have a meeting room that would work well for us. Jim Hawkins stated they would love to have us, and he handles the buildings so he can open for us or get us a key. Jim Simmons reported the Methodist Church (DSUMC) leadership met and would welcome us to use their facilities too, which will include the bathrooms and kitchen if needed. Doug Knight reported that the Baptist Church (FBDS) also voted to allow us to use their Fellowship Hall with similar accommodations. Amy stated that the Lake Woodruff National Wildlife Refuge's manager is on medical leave, so she has not gotten permission for us to use their classroom yet. Janice had gathered information about meeting at MES and Amy asked if anyone felt we should pursue MES, since there would be usage fees and insurance expense. The group voted to delete MES from the list. Amy asked for discussion. Options were to rotate between the locations on a monthly basis, quarterly or one per year. The consensus was that it might be confusing as to where we were meeting next and difficult to communicate to everyone. After much discussion, Andrea moved that we meet at the Christian Church for 2020 and another location each year after that as needed. Amy stated we would also need locations to offer FDOT or Volusia County for their US Highway 17 widening or BMAP public meetings. Jim Simmons and Doug Knight said it would not be difficult to get permission to do those at their church. The members agreed to ask FBDS or DSUMC to host public meetings so that all three churches were involved. Amy thanked everyone for offering their locations and said it was heart warming to see how many businesses and churches offered us a place to meet at their locations when they learned we had the need. This is another example of all of us working together for the good of our community.

5. New Business:

A. Annual MHS Thanksgiving Baskets Drive: Tammy stated the Christian Church partners with us each year to make these baskets for families in need, which was initially suggested by Doris McWilliams years ago. Last year DSCA, Inc. donated the \$25 gift cards, desserts and baskets; the Christian Church donated

all the non-perishable items and we were able to fill 25 baskets. Tammy said if anyone wanted to donate toward this, she could take cash or checks tonight or any time before our November 12th meeting, giving us time to create and deliver the baskets before MHS dismissed for Thanksgiving.

B. DeLand High School FFA Poultry Team Sponsorship Request: Tammy read a letter we had received asking for support. After discussion it was agreed that DSCA, Inc. has a full plate supporting the needs of our community and DHS has many sources from which to pull for support, so we will not respond to the request as an organization, however if an individual wants to help Tammy has the information.

C. Amy stated it's the time of year for officer nominations and there are three open positions: President, Secretary and Treasurer. Amy asked if anyone wanted to serve in those positions or knew of someone who did. Seeing none, Doug moved we retain the current President and Treasurer; Roseanne seconded the motion. Amy requested we wait an additional month for possible nominations and the group agreed to table the motion for a month. Lee Munizzi nominated Jim Simmons for Secretary, but Jim declined at this time.

D. Tammy had new Festival t-shirts on sale, \$15 or \$10 to festival volunteers or those attending the meeting and encouraged people to purchase and wear them often before the 19th, since that is additional advertisement for the festival we don't have to pay for.

6. Public Comments: Jim Simmons announced DSUMC's lending library is up and running, with mulch and benches in place for reading. People can take a book home and return it or donate books. Jim Hawkins stated he had books to donate and will have them at the Christian Church's Festival booth to give away. Andrea stated that she will not be available to lead the December dinner and asked if anyone wanted to volunteer to set up and lead the dinner. Amy shared that Jason and Beddixa will be away then also and they usually bring a main course. Seeing no volunteers Amy stated we could discuss it again in November and either have a regular meeting, perhaps just desserts, or not meet in December, since we will have to meet to move out of the Porter House after Andrea's and Jason's return.

Amy adjourned the meeting and thanked everyone for their time and dedication to this community and the DSCA, Inc.

Next DSCA, Inc. General Meeting: Tuesday, November 12th 6:00 p.m., Porter House, 5030 US Hwy. 17 N.