

DeLeon Springs Community Association, Inc.
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 9, 2017

1. Amy Munizzi, President called the meeting to order, and led the prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and everyone introduced themselves. Jimmy "Doc" Carter from the newly refurbished "Cottages on the Hill" was welcomed by everyone and thanked for the great work they are doing turning what was a long-time eye sore into beautiful apartment homes at the south entrance of town.
2. Wildcat 5K Presentation: Coach Josh Ebert said the monies go back into the softball and cross country teams of Taylor High. They have opened a virtual run where runners everywhere can participate. The event costs about \$5000.00 which is hopefully offset by sponsors. Proceeds from runner fees are split between the softball and cross country teams. Taylor High sent their first cross country runner to Florida State. The race date has been changed to November 18th. The top three in each age group get a nice medal. A BOGO will run May 20th-May 27th. Amy thanked Coach Josh for his tremendous dedication.
3. Review of April 11th DSCA, Inc. meeting minutes: Bobbie Witt, Secretary. Harold Davis motioned to approve the minutes as posted and emailed; Taz Witt seconded; motion carried.
4. Review of Treasurer's Report, Festival Report and move to Mainstreet Bank: Tammy Schuler, Treasurer. Tammy was absent; Bobbie reviewed the reports and informed the membership that the operating account of DSCA, Inc. has been moved from Wells Fargo to Mainstreet Bank. Jim Simmons motioned to approve the report; Laurie Haas seconded; motion carried.

Reports:

1. DSCA, Inc. Board of Directors update: Amy stated that Roberta Johnson had been trying to get off the Board for years and we wouldn't allow her to leave. Recently she has gotten very involved in her church, etc. and we finally accepted her resignation. The Board sent Roberta a thank you e-mail and thank you card for all her years of service. The Board unanimously voted Laurie Haas as our newest Director. Laurie is a long time resident of DeLeon Springs and has served on the Festival Board. We welcome her and look forward to her serving in this position.
2. DSCA, Inc. Merit Scholarship: Jim Simmons asked if the \$100 the DSUMC donated was in addition to the \$600.00 or part of that amount. Amy said that was a very good question. Discussion ensued and included increasing the amount from the current \$600.00 or sealing it at that amount, or allowing it to increase if a private donor came forward each year. Jason Sampsell moved that it remain a line item of \$600.00 but if additional donations come in they may be added. Andrea Smiley seconded the motion; motion carried. Amy reiterated that the award would be a minimum of \$600 per year, but that it could be more if private funds came in. Jason agreed that was his motion and it was agreed to unanimously. Amy said we had several inquiries and requests for applications but two were received. The Board unanimously chose Alex Fuentes as his application was exceptional and he has been accepted to Stetson University. Amy has sent Alex a letter. She and Laurie will attend the Taylor High Awards Ceremony Wednesday, May 17th, 6:30 p.m. to present the scholarship, a certificate and card to him.
3. Benevolence: Troop-ons© Coupons for Soldiers: Andrea Smiley mailed 1 lb. 8 oz. this month with 6 lb. 32 oz. YTD. Cell Phones for Soldiers: Andrea Smiley mailed 73 cellphones and accessories. A special thank you to Jason Sampsell for his efforts to collect used phones from City of Orange City and the police department.
4. Chuck Lennon Park and Mountain Biking Trails: Kevin Phelps reported the bike trail extension heading south through Glenwood will start next week. He also reported that a resident neighboring the Chuck Lennon bike trails has filed a complaint that the new trails that are 90% complete are in wetlands; therefore the County has stopped the progress. Kevin will continue to work with the County to get this resolved and update the DSCA, Inc. if we are able to do anything to help.

5. Ride Into Reading: Bicycle winners have been chosen and Hidden Valley Park is providing the bike helmets. The bikes and helmets will be awarded during McInnis Elementary's 3rd grade Pride Assembly Tuesday, May 23rd, 8:30 a.m. All DSCA, Inc. members are encouraged to attend. There were nine students who scored higher than our two top winners last year! The Board voted to give each of them \$10 gift cards at the suggestion of Ron and Dianne Hermanski.

6. Amy said the Art Among the Trees student artists ribbons and certificates will be awarded at McInnis Elementary's 3rd grade Pride Assembly Tuesday, May 23rd, 8:30 a.m. and 5th grade assembly on Friday, May 26th, 8:15 a.m. The art teacher will cover the 2nd and 4th grades on other days.

7. Project Speak History: No new activity at this time. Awaiting completion of DVDs so that oral history collected so far may be disbursed to other historical entities.

8. "Junkyard" update: The property owner has given Volusia County Code Enforcement several excuses for why the vehicles haven't been moved. VCCE has given the property owner until May 17th to remove the cars. If vehicles haven't been removed the owner will be brought before the Code Enforcement Board and begin to incur fines. DSCA, Inc. is very impressed at how well VCCE has stayed on top of the situation.

9. McInnis Elementary School SAC Seat: We have been offered a seat on the 2017-2018 SAC. It was offered by e-mail to all members and Laurie Haas accepted the position to serve on our behalf.

10. Pierson July 4th Family Festival Support discussion was held in regard to sponsoring this year as we have done in the past. Town of Pierson has not reciprocated in sponsoring DSCA, Inc. events. Jason Sampsell moved we not sponsor this year; Taz Witt seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

11. Amy reported that she has completed the requirements for the grant received from the Volusia County Cultural Council for the Art Among the Trees Festival. DSCA, Inc. was one of two recipients of this grant. The report is very detailed, showing specific expenses and how they were utilized in the Festival. Amy will prepare a presentation for the Council which meets July 28th at the African American Museum of Art.

12. Every 10 years DSSP organizes an Advisory Group that will discuss changes and improvements of the park. Taz and Bobbie Witt will attend the meeting on May 10th to represent DSCA, Inc. The membership asked that they bring forth the idea of primitive camping at the old Burts Park. Taz and Bobbie will report back at the June meeting.

13. River of Lakes Heritage Corridor update: they are now doing fundraising since all FDOT grant funds had to be used by 10/1/16. Grant funds were spent marketing entities along the St. Johns River corridor, by producing several brochures that were distributed through Visit Florida, directly impacting DeLeon Springs.

Public Comments: Doc Carter said the new "Cottages on the Hill" owners are from Austin, TX; they are currently refurbishing the old Bamboo Arts building and have exciting plans to bring more stores and housing. He is excited to be here and become involved. Jason asked about the Spring to Spring Trail. Kevin stated the Glenwood extension will start next week. Amy suggested going on the Parks and Recreations website for more info. Jason advised if we dial 386-736-5999, that goes directly to the VCSO Call Center. He stated VCSO is hiring dispatchers. Shirley Malmberg reported someone painted graffiti on the Baptist Church doors the Monday Men of DeLeon Springs just painted. Jim Simmons reported the DSUMC "Food for the Journey" food pantry is open the third Thursday of every month from 3:00-6:00 p.m.; they welcome people from the McInnis school area. They are serving close to 150 families and have connected with Second Harvest Food Bank to offer fresh items as well as non-perishables. The spaghetti dinner is a seasonal event; we will be notified when they start up again. Amy reported the Malloy Head Start needs diapers; she thanked everyone for their continued generosity and stated when she delivers our donations to MHS on Wednesdays as children are dismissed, families gather around to receive our donations as well as loaves of day-old bread MHS is able to provide. People are very grateful and there is a great need for our donations for the working poor in our community.

The meeting adjourned at 7:24. Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 13th, 6:00 p.m., Porter House, 5030 US Hwy. 17 N.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bobbie Witt, Secretary