

Friends of the GTM NERR

Minutes of Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 13, 2007

Members Present:

Bill Coleman, Carl Hampp, Barb Stark, Peter Difatta, Frank Pixler, Irene Kaufman, and Carol Travis.

Staff Present:

Teri Webley, Mike Shirley, and Janet Zimmerman.

Meeting called to order at 5:05pm by Bill Coleman at the EEC

February's minutes were brought to the floor. Motion to approve by Bill, seconded by Carl and passed by the Board.

Sheryl Anderson announced that she was stepping back from the Board due to health concerns. At which time she left the meeting. Her letter of resignation is on file in the Friends office.

Executive Committee Report by Bill Coleman

There was not an Executive Committee Meeting. Only one item for the Board. CD matured with Wachovia. Rates have been e-mailed to Board members. Bill suggested reinvestment in another CD. Will present options to Board for vote at next meeting. Carl motioned that based on Executive Committee approval the Board approve a motion to reinvest in a CD at this meeting, Peter seconded passed by Board.

Bonnie will no longer present monthly financial reports. The Friends have currently in accounts:

36000 in money market
27000 in Friends checking
35000 in Friends CD
18000 in Nature Store checking
117,000 total

NERR budget update by Mike Shirley

Update from information received at meetings in D.C.
Funding looking good due to increased interest in climate change and rising sea level.

Presidential budget level funding with last year. Due to added sites needing funding NERR's cut will be smaller. About \$20,000 lower. Met with Congressman Mika for help with funding issues.

Can visit www.nerra.org for more information.

NERR Activities and Upcoming Artist Reception by Janet Zimmerman

Need to use \$800. from the \$6,000. approved and budgeted by the Friends for this type of use. Needed for:

Bus transportation for Sebastian Middle School as part of the program for underprivileged, under funded, and low performance students.

Students will visit the NERR March 20-21-22 and an additional two days the following week. They will participate in a 3 station program.

Board members are welcome to attend.

Artist Reception on March 31, 5pm – 7pm.

Artists will be Daryl Labello and Christine Simonetti.

Alcohol inventory given. Friends will purchase Alcohol and staff bar.

Alcohol needs are: 3 bottles of red wine-Frank will purchase, 1 case Heineken.

Bill asked if consumption has been monitored since attendance has changed. There was some discussion about the local fame of showing artists and conflicting events locally contributing to lower attendance.

Janet said that they are attempting to steer away from dates with conflicting events.

Board members attending reception: Irene, Barb, Carl, and possibly Bill and Frank.

Bill stated need for more press for the Friends sponsored activities.

Katie had a baby boy at 5am on 3/13/07

Lighthouse Event by Janet Zimmerman

Lighthouse event Wednesday, March 21, 6:30 – 8:30

Underwater Archeology displays being installed.

Invitations were mailed to Board members. If you do not receive one contact Janet.

Will send invitations to selected Friends contributors.

Need volunteers to man table at event.

Bill asked if name tags would be available for participating Board members.

Janet will find existing tags and ensure full names are on them.

For Board members in possession of invitations please RSVP if attending.

If not please return to Janet to pass on.

Other Business

Janet – Saturday, May 19 at 5pm – 8pm. is the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

They need \$3000. Will the Friends provide the funds?

Carol moved to approve, Carl seconded, passed.

Bill suggested L&W for catering.

Janet-National Estuaries Day September 22.

Looking into bringing in outside partners to man booths and activities leaving staff free for other duties.

Janet-Suggestion: NERR membership for new local homeowners

Bill – Turn matter over to Development Committee.

Bill-Need Board Members

Carl chair Nominating Committee, e-mail Carl with suggestions.

Frank-Is there a need for someone in the fishing community in the Board?

Mike and Carl-yes.

Bill-Updated committee list passed out for changes.

Need to confirm Gail Hankinson for Governance Chair.

Pierre Pierce will be asked to fill in as chair on Education and Communications for Triss Padgett.

Add Irene to the Education and Communication Committee.

Peter-Is it appropriate for Teri to chair the Nature Store Committee?

A board member will chair the Nature Store Committee.

Frank-What is the budget for the development committee?

Teri send current Budget to Board members.

Carl- Development Committee review the mailing calendar.

Do not want to duplicate mailings too close together.

Frank-Do smaller mailings more often, monthly?

Barb-Twice a year mailings?

Carl-The existing calendar was set due to no staff. This has changed.

Frank-We need involvement with other groups.

Attend trade shows, etc.

Host Chamber of Commerce meetings.

Mike-Agree good marketing suggested at DC meeting

Frank-Join Flagler Chamber of Commerce

Barb-Membership-10 payments since last meeting. \$475.

Teri- Brick update

Preparing final letter to purchasers for mailing. In touch with brick manufacturer about process. Moving forward and will be ready to order soon.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50pm

