

Friends of Barefoot Beach Preserve

November 3, 2008 Board of Director's Meeting

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Margaret Winn, Harold Saylor, Bobbe Hickman, Tom Crowe, Jim Burke, Ginny Burke, Marti Timple, Jan Bachrach, Betty Tryon, Sue Turner, Jane Duran, Barbara Schimbke

Quorum

Old Business: Margaret made a motion to approve the April 7, 2008 minutes. Jan seconded the motion. Motion approved.

New Business:

President: Margaret introduced Barb Schimbke and Jane Duran to the Board members. Jim made a motion to elect Barb Schimbke as Corresponding Secretary as a voting member of the Board of Directors. Harold seconded the motion and the motion passed. Jim made a motion to elect Jane Duran as Publicity Chairperson as a voting member of the Board of Directors. Betty seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Sharon Gallaway is unable to continue as Treasurer. Jim made a motion that Bobbe Hickman become the Treasurer. Tom seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Margaret announced that the Learning Center clean-up will be at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 22, 2008. The docents will begin staffing the Learning Center beginning December 1, 2008. The first lecture will be on Oyster research, Saturday, December 6, 2008. The docent luncheon is set for 11:30 a.m., January 16, 2009. The annual luncheon and membership meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. on March 6, 2009 at Imperial Country Club.

Margaret will e-mail the By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation to each board member.

Mary Kirn would like the memorial funds for Mike to go towards a DVD cabinet and she offered to add to the sum if additional funds were needed. Bobbe saw an \$80 plastic cabinet that would work at the Learning Center. Marti offered to talk to her son about building a cabinet.

Treasurer: Bobbe reported that the Friends have \$26,536.20 in money market funds, \$21,877.74 in our checking account, and \$21,093.98 in the Community Foundation for a total of \$69,507.92. \$1109 (half of the paver's bill for installing the bricks at the Learning Center) is due today. In October Bobbe took \$15,000 out of a money market and put it in a CD earning 4.35% interest. She took another \$15,000 out of checking and put in a CD.

Bobbe reported that we do not know the password to Quicken Books and we are unable to retrieve information from Sharon's computer. We do not have a check register either. Bobbe has changed the bank address from Sharon's home to the Friend's post office box. Bobbe noticed an \$8 charge from 5th 3rd Bank but it stopped in March...she

decided to let it go. Bobbe, in effect, is starting over with our records. Jan will contact Caroline Svendsen to see if she knows the Quicken password. We are very grateful to Bob & Bobbe for taking over the treasurer's responsibilities under difficult circumstances.

Virgil Brockman has offered to make up a membership list. We are unable to access the one that Sharon had but Jan developed a list that is on a CD. Margaret will get together with Virgil and Bobbe to work on entering the list in a form that Marti can use for the newsletter. Marti can send out the newsletter with just 1 name in the "To:" field so that the remaining names are blind.

Jan inquired about the e-post card that is to be filed every year. Bobbe is corresponding with the agency.

Garden: Bobbe announced that Ron Holder had put up a new fence around the Butterfly garden with a gate to the pond. Winfield, the contractor for the pond renovation, has agreed to drain the pond, clean the rock and see if that takes care of the algae problem. Winfield also added more mollies to the pond.

A lily will be placed in the butterfly pond for Dorothea Forier's daughter, Kathleen.

Margaret spread moth balls around the garden in an attempt to discourage the armadillo from digging in the garden. It seems to be working.

Bob Hickman and Virgil Brockman lifted several sections of the sidewalk that had sunken spots. They have offered to build a sidewalk behind the Chickee Hut with the bricks that are taken up for the brick fundraising project.

Bob Hickman moved one of the sprinkler heads and checked the rest.

Secretary: Jan will order new name tags for Board members. After discussion, it was decided that Board name tags will have a name, but not a position on them so they can be used year after year.

Jan informed the Board of the highlights of the lease agreement with Collier County Parks and Recreation.

Docent Chair: Docent tags will continue to have a name with docent underneath the name. Betty will order name tags for docents.

Fundraising: Dave Burr was giving a butterfly program at the Learning Center so the installers for the paving company decided to return at noon to begin tearing out bricks.

Jim reported that we have netted about \$7,000 on the first phase of the brick fundraiser. Our thanks to Ginny & Jim for a very successful fundraising effort.

Ginny asked about our non-profit status. The Friends is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. As such, anyone who makes a contribution to us can take a deduction on their income tax return. What the Friends have been unable to obtain is a tax-free number which would entitle us to deduct sales tax from anything that we purchase. The two issues are separate. You can have non-profit status but not have tax-free status.

We have brick fundraising brochures left over for a second phase but we need to attach labels with the Consumer Affairs blurb about our compliance with statutes. Jim will contact Pride Enterprises to see what the cost would be to have them print the labels.

We will need to order more crew-neck FOBB shirts soon. Jim has the Friend's logo and will e-mail it to Margaret, Bobbe and Jan. Bobbe's daughter can make polo shirts for \$16. Bobbe will get a price for us on shirts with our logo on them.

Margaret said that she would like to have bags made up like the ones being sold at Publix with FOBB and our logo on them and give them out at the annual luncheon as a gift from FOBB. Jane said that she would contact Publix to see if they would add our name and logo on the backs of their bags.

County Liaison: Tom contacted Swope, Lamberson & Charbonneau, our income tax attorney and asked them for information on the requirements that Jan unearthed this summer for filing a yearly e-post card and filing with the Consumer Affairs Agency yearly. They agreed to give Tom 10 min. gratis. Tom thinks that we paid \$730 for Swope to do our tax returns last year.

Tom reported that the Estuary Conservation Association meets every two months. The \$200,000 study of Wiggins Pass has narrowed the dredging solutions down to four. Their findings and solutions are much different than the original study done by Hummiston. Two of the solutions would result in continued erosion of Barefoot Beach. The remaining two solutions will not involve permanent structures. A temporary sand dyke would be placed at the SE side of the beach at Wiggins Pass to alter the present curve in the channel. Tom felt that this agency had really listened to the concerns that Tom presented about erosion at Barefoot Beach. Our thanks to Tom for being an advocate for Barefoot Beach.

Newsletter: The first newsletter will be in printed form. Marti would like to go to an e-mail newsletter but she will need e-mail addresses first. A photo of Margaret, the lecture schedule and the annual luncheon date will be included in the first issue. A membership form will also be included. A statement declaring our non-profit status with our assigned number validating our standing with Consumer Affairs must also be included on the membership form.

Social: Sue will send out a written invitation to the annual luncheon closer to the date of the luncheon. Jane Duran has offered her home for a BOD party in early January. She will pass out directions and the time at the December meeting.

Other new business:

Harold has a new address: 28760 Bermuda Bay Way, Unit 104, Bonita Springs, FL. 34134 (in Vanderbilt Lakes)

Motion to adjourn made by Betty and seconded by Harold. Meeting adjourned 11:30 a.m. Next meeting Monday, December 1, 2008.

Submitted by Jan Bachrach, Recording Secretary