

Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve

FRIENDS OF SIX MILE CYPRESS SLOUGH PRESERVE

ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 24th, 2021 VIA ZOOM

Agenda

Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve Annual Meeting - March 24, 2021 Via Zoom

Welcome

Theresa Roake, President

Announcements

Annual Report

Theresa Roake, President

Nominating Committee Report

Donna Cressman, Board Member

Election

General Membership

Introduction of Board of Directors

Introduction of Roxanne Taylor, Natural Areas Coordinator "State of the Slough"

Board of Directors

Theresa Roake President Sabine Vandenhende Vice President Nancy Olson Secretary Sara Maliva Treasurer **Carolyn Babb** Lyn Brown Donna Cressman Terri Krass **David Minnick* Bud Schopp** Annisa Karim, Lee County Parks and Recreation Liaison *Formally Appointed by Board in December, 2020. He will be formally elected at Annual Meeting.

President's Message

Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve Annual Meeting March 24, 2021

Thank you to the Friends members, Board of Directors and the Staff at the Slough. We have had an interesting year at Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve. We were able to zig where we used to zag and our organization was able to accomplish many goals.

Our Friends group provided over \$20,000 in support at the Slough in 2020. In addition, your Board of Directors and Friends members put in many hours on behalf of the Slough. From wonderful speakers at the beginning of the year, then a successful photo contest, on to summer camp assistance and a first-ever virtual seminar for our members, we provided for the Slough as it provides for us.

Thank you again for your efforts. Your support enables the Board of Directors to continue in our mission of protecting, preserving and promoting the Slough. Please read on for more accomplishments in 2020. Onward and upward in 2021!

It has been an honor to serve you these past four years. Hope to see you at the Slough soon.

Theresa Roake, President

Friends Accomplishments 2020

Direct Support to the Slough of over \$20,000 including:

Camp scholarships Camp supplies

Printing of self-guided brochure for the Boardwalk in English and Spanish

New trail guide for Kids

Rocks added to Rock and Stroll Garden

Photo contest

Artwork and designs for future Trail Entrance improvements

Web site updates

New mosaic mural for Interpretive Center

Gathering speakers including: Dr. Jerry Jackson, Florida Gulf Coast University Andrea Naccarato, Naples Botanical Garden

Funding for new Butterfly displays

First Zoom seminar on photography featuring Geoff Coe, Wildlife Images

Friends Corner sales

Butterfly garden maintenance and plantings

Fans for Teaching Deck

Holiday Celebration via Zoom

Complete 2020 Annual Report Available at www.sloughpreserve.org

Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve Balance Sheet December 31, 2020

ASSETS

Bank Accounts	
1050 Bank of America Accounts	
1050.3 Checking Store	61,078.96
1050.41 Time Deposit CD 8787	10,020.48
1050.42 Time Deposit CD 8826	10,020.29
1050.43 Time Deposit CD 8758	10,020.95
1050.44 Time Deposit CD 0113	25,051.10
1050.45 Time Deposit CD 1023	10,014.19
1050.46 Time Deposit CD 1036	10,014.18
1050.47 Time Deposit CD 1052	10,013.85
1050.48 Time Deposit CD 1065	10,019.84
Total 1050 Bank of America Accounts	156,253.84
Total Bank Accounts	\$156,253.84

Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve Balance Sheet December 31, 2020 (cont'd)	
1300 Other Current Assets	
1300.3 Inventory on Hand store	16,938.55
1300.4 Cash on hand bookstore	550.00
Total 1300 Other Current Assets	17,488.55
Total Other Current Assets	\$17,488.55
Total Current Assets	\$173,742.39
TOTAL ASSETS	\$173,742.39
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
3001 Opening Balance Equity	120,660.20
3010 Retained Earnings	44,130.12
Net Income	8,952.07
Total Equity	\$173,742.39
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$173,742.39

Membership

Membership remains strong. In 2020, Membership Revenue and Donations totaled over \$28,000.

Membership represents hundreds of individuals. In addition to individual memberships, there are family memberships as well as local clubs and organizations who support our mission. If you are not a member, please consider joining us. If you are a member, please consider recommending Friends to friends. As a team, we can all help to further our mission of preserving and protecting our beautiful Slough.

For more information on membership, please go to our website at www.sloughpreserve.org

Education

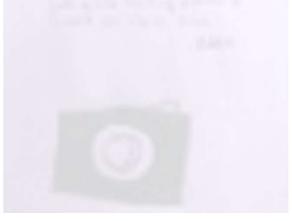
Summer Camp Education Activity assisted by Friends

The Friends purchased 15 small Canon cameras for Slough summer camp in the summer of 2019. A half day program that was developed and implemented by Friends board members Sabine Vandenhende and Carolyn Babb, was used again by the counselors for the campers in the summer of 2020. The campers were instructed on the basics of photography and spent several hours taking photos in the Slough. Each camper had one of their photos entered in the Photo Contest that was held for 2021. The Friends also provided funding for supplies for the activities of the campers.

Camp Scholarships

Summer camp was held but with fewer participants due to COVID restrictions. The Friends provided three scholarships to worthy campers.





Education cont'd

Photo Contest

Another year for our very popular and successful contest – each continues to showcase amazing images taken in the Slough.

Gathering Speakers in 2020

January – **Dr. Jerry Jackson,** Professor, FGCU, All About Anhingas February – **Andrea Naccarato Cox,** Naples Botanical Garden, Butterflies of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve

Photography Zoom Session by Geoff Coe

A Zoom seminar for members and others interested in photography was held with speaker Geoff Coe – professional photographer, Slough volunteer and Slough photo contest judge. His topic was photographing the beauty of the Slough. This was the first Friends Zoom function and was a great success.

Friends Corner Store

Later ... Alligator



 TOTAL SALES FOR 2020
 \$15,132

INVENTORY VALUE

\$17,000

Friends Corner remained closed for most of 2020. Sales were brisk over the 2 ½ months we were able to be open. We look forward to reopening in 2021.

> To all of the volunteers at the Corner THANK YOU!!!

BOARD ELECTION NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT March 24, 2021

The Nominating Committee proposes the election of the following Board Members for a term of two years:

- Sabine Vandenhende, President
- Sara Maliva, Treasurer
- Carolyn Babb, Board Member
- Lyn Brown, Board Member
- David Minnick, Board Member
- Bud Schopp, Board Member

The Nominating Committee proposes the election of the following Board Members for a term of one year:

- Nancy Olson, Vice President
- Theresa Roake, Past President, Secretary Additional nominations from the Floor may be submitted at this time.

2020 Annual Report

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