

**FRIENDS OF THE MARJORIE KINNAN RAWLINGS FARM, INC.**  
**Minutes of the Quarterly Board Meeting**  
**January 27, 2009**  
**Cross Creek Volunteer Fire Station, Cross Creek, Florida**  
**Submitted by Judith Harris, Secretary**

Chairperson Dan Cantliffe called the meeting to order at 6:35PM.

Also present were:

Mickey Angell

Kaley Barnett, Park Program Development Specialist

Judy Harris

Robin Lauriault

Murray Laurie

Anne Pierce

Valerie Rivers

Mary Snook

Flo Turcotte

Jim Stephens

Absent: Larry and Linda Santucci, Eleanor and Andy Merritt, Shirley Page

Dan Cantliffe introduced and welcomed Kaley Barnett, Park Program Development Specialist.

Kaley Barnett informed the Board about the District 2 Volunteer Luncheon and Awards to be held at the Dudley Farm on March 14<sup>th</sup>, from 9AM to 1:30PM. The Paint Out will exhibit that day also and the Scrub Trip is scheduled on that day.

**MOTION** to approve the minutes of October 10, 2008 by Jim Stephens, **SECOND** by, Anne Pierce, **MOTION PASSED.**

**Treasurer's Report**

Anne Pierce gave the Treasurer's report. The Treasurer's report is attached.

On the MKR Elementary School project, Anne Pierce told us that the school has received *The Yearling* books.

**MOTION to APPROVE** by Judy Harris, **SECOND** by Mickey Angell. **MOTION PASSED.**

Anne was contacted by the family of a terminally ill lady who was very taken with Marjorie's Home. That lady has since passed away, and she requested that Memorial Gifts to the Friends be sent "in lieu of flowers". The Friends have so far received Memorial Gifts in the amount of \$535.00. Anne will acknowledge the gifts, and she will forward membership applications and newsletters to these donors.

Valerie Rivers thanked Anne for handling the delicate matter in such a caring fashion.

### **Membership**

Anne Pierce reported that Membership is currently comprised of 11 honorary members, 40 life members, 138 current members with 26 overdue. Total 215.

**MOTION** by Jim Stevens to **APPROVE** an Honorary Life Membership to Candyce Boothe, the caretaker for Dessie Smith Prescott. **SECOND** by Mickey Angell, **MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION** by Judy Harris to welcome Mary Snook as a new Board Member, **SECOND** by Dan Cantliffe, **MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION** by Anne Pierce to make Phyllis Hansen a Resource Advisory Board Member, **SECOND** by Judy Harris. **MOTION PASSED.**

Dan Cantliffe requested a volunteer to do Membership Recruitment. Anne Pierce will continue to maintain records on Members but is not responsible for Recruitment.

### **Web Site**

Murray Laurie reports that she is keeping Jason aware of information that needs to be on the website.

### **Grove**

Dan Cantliffe reports that he is working with Robin. There is no way to protect the trees from the freezing temperatures or the 10 year drought. Dan is working on a plan to keep the grove at its best.

### **Grounds**

Jim Stephens has 6 lighter poles for fencing. Valerie suggests storing the poles in the barn until they can be installed.

### **State of the Farm**

Valerie Rivers reported that the fencing is going up, the barn is roofed, and the campsites are being prepared for volunteer workers. Valerie is looking for a professional conservator to assess furniture, evaluate, prioritize, and get costs for refurbishing. The state is paying for the conservator and she needs to spend the funds before June.

Valerie stated that cut backs are minimal, with no lay offs. Due to "Staycations" people are using the parks more often. When asked about the possible state park closings, she stated that visitation numbers is what impacts park closings. Programs, visitation, and participation are keys to keeping a park open. Our park visitation is steady in numbers of visitors.

### **Fund Raising**

Dan Cantliffe requested a committee for Special Programs. Judy Harris, Mickey Angell, Mary Snook will work on Special Programs.

The Annual Meeting will be again held at THE YEARLING Restaurant with a business meeting at 11 AM, luncheon at Noon and a slide show by Anne Pierce and Jim Stephens to follow luncheon.

**New Business**

We are accepting applications for new Board Members. Please contact a Board Member, or the House should you be interested in serving on the Board of the Friends of the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Farm.

**MOTION** to adjourn by Robin Lauriault, **SECOND** by Mickey Angell. **MOTION PASSED**, meeting adjourned at 9:30PM.