

**FRIENDS OF THE MARJORIE KINNAN RAWLINGS FARM, INC.**  
**Minutes of the Quarterly Board Meeting**  
**April 14, 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

Phyllis Hansen

Judy Harris

Murray Laurie

Andy and Eleanor Merritt

Ann Pierce

Valerie Rivers

Flo Turcotte

Jim Stephens

Guests: Jamesha Clark, Sarah Turner, Kim Hampton, Attorney Barbara Wingo

Absent: Robin Laurialt, Shirley Page, Mary Snook

Dan Cantliffe introduced and welcomed Attorney Barbara Wingo. Jamesha Clark, Sarah Turner and Kim Hampton from the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings School.

Fourth Grade Teacher, Kim Hampton gave the Board a synopsis of how the writing program evolved and presented the two young ladies as two of the three winners of the 6 finalists of the essay contest. A third winner Myqueal Lewis was not able to be present. Jamisha and Sarah each read their essays and Kim read the essay of Myqueal and their writing accomplishments were applauded by the Board.

**MOTION** to approve the minutes of January 19, 2009 by Anne Pierce, **SECOND** by, Flo Turcotte, **MOTION PASSED**.

**Treasurer's Report**

Anne Pierce reports receipts have increased in part due to membership increase. Anne reported that Valerie purchased a Zora Neal Hurston 1<sup>st</sup> Edition for the Home and we purchased a commemorative jug for the Home from the Conference. The citrus checks have been voided and the check for the use of the Cross Creek Volunteer Fire Department meeting room has been sent. Funds for costumes for the docents will be used and a period correct faucet for the Home kitchen will be purchased.

### **Membership Report**

Anne Pierce reported that membership is up due in part to the Conference recently held. Two new memberships are directly attributed to the success of the Conference. At present we have 8 honorary, 41 life memberships, 140 paid current memberships with overdue membership at 27, grand total 216 members.

Congratulations to Flo Turcotte for all of her work to make the Society Conference a success.

**MOTION** to approve Treasurer's Report by Eleanor Merritt, **SECOND** by Valerie Rivers, **MOTION PASSED.**

### **News about the Park**

Valerie Rivers reported that there will be no closing of parks this year. Of 110 only 10 positions were cut and those not in parks. Valerie thanked everyone that contacted legislators in regard to keeping the parks open. Gail Rowley at the Home has submitted her resignation commencing the end of June. Valerie reports that all part time position will be eliminated. Work continues to be problematic at the restoration of the tenant house and the camping area is progressing satisfactorily.

### **Fund raising**

Anne Pierce described the fund raising event planned for October 24<sup>th</sup> at the MKR Home. Raffle tickets will be sent soon to members of the Friends and Society. Activity planning meetings continue to produce ideas and enthusiasm for the Fund Raiser. Judy Harris described some of the activities planned.

In the absence of Robin Laurialt, Anne gave prizes on the calendar printing. Flo Turcotte, Valerie Rivers and Anne are doing research on the calendar project.

### **Website**

Murray Laurie wants to announce on the website that Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings was named Great Floridian by the Department of State. Murray also suggested requesting website viewers for any pertinent photos they may have to add to the archives. Anne suggested a blurb in the MKR newsletter i.e. "have you seen the website", or something similar.

### **Grove**

Dan Cantliffe is researching the packinghouses that Marjorie used. Dan is collecting oral histories from people in Citra along with information about the types of citrus Marjorie grew. Some of this information is related to a person "Maxey" whom Jim Stephens mentions in his book.

Dan would like to see the grove as close as it was as when Marjorie was here. Dan reported it was fortunate that we did not put new citrus in because of the intense winter temperatures we experienced this past winter.

**Nominations**

Valerie Rivers reports that: The slate of officers remains the same. All those nominated accepted. **MOTION** to accept the present slate by Murray Laurie, **SECOND** by Jim Stephens, **MOTION PASSED**. Nominees are to be installed at the annual meeting in May at THE YEARLING Restaurant. **MOTION** by Anne Pierce to accept Attorney Barbara Wingo as Board member, **SECOND** by Mickey Angell, **MOTION PASSED**. Welcome Barbara!

Anne Pierce circulated a birthday card for Idella Parker for the Board members to sign.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.