

**Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve** 



# Agenda

Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve Annual Meeting - March 27, 2019
Interpretive Center

Welcome

Theresa Roake, President

**Announcements** 

**Annual Report** 

Theresa Roake, President

**Nominating Committee Report** 

Carolyn Babb, Board Member

Election

**General Membership** 

**Introduction of Board of Directors** 

Introduction of Roxanne Taylor, Coordinator, Land Stewardship "State of the Slough"

### **Board of Directors**

Theresa Roake

Sabine Vandenhende

Nancy Olson\*

**Bud Schopp\*\*** 

Carolyn Babb

Lyn Brown

**Donna Cressman** 

Terri Krass

Charles O'Connor

Heather Gienapp, Lee County Parks and Recreation Liaison

\*Formally Appointed by Board in January, 2019 as Secretary. She will be formally elected at Annual Meeting.

\*\*Bud Schopp has been acting as Interim Treasurer. A new Treasurer will be elected at the Annual Meeting.

President

Vice President

Secretary

**Interim Treasurer** 

# Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve Staff

- Annisa Karim, Manager
- Christine Bailey, Senior Supervisor
- Heather Gienapp, Supervisor
- Kelsey Lang, Senior Program Specialist
- Roxanne Taylor, Land Steward
- Andy Gurri, Senior Maintenance Specialist

# President's Message

Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve Annual Meeting March 27, 2019

Thank you to the Friends members, Board of Directors and the Staff at the Slough. We have had another successful year at Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve. As Season draws to a close we pause to reflect on what we've accomplished together over the past year.

Our Friends group provided over \$10,000 in support of programs at the Slough in 2018. In addition, your Board of Directors and Friends members put in thousands of hours on behalf of the Slough. The staff continues to create innovative programming for a quality experience at the Slough. We just keep polishing and enhancing our "crown jewel."

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 2018. Onward and upward in 2019!

Hope to see you at the Slough soon.

Theresa Roake. President

# Friends Accomplishments 2018

Direct Support to the Slough of over \$10,000 including:

Public wet walks

Camp scholarships for 22 campers

Camp supplies

Camp speakers honoraria

Funding for development and production of new selfguided brochure for the Boardwalk

Funding for school field trip buses and teachers

Rocks added to Rock and Stroll Garden

Photo contest

Ice Cream Social for 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Interpretive Center

Funding for trail signage and markers

Web site updates

New display monitor for Interpretive Center

Gathering speakers including:
Dr. Win Everham, Florida Gulf Coast University
John Herman, Florida Gulf Coast University
Robert Repenning, Land Steward, Lee County
Cindy Bear, Randell Research Center

Volunteer of the Year

Volunteer thank you gifts

Volunteer Education Support

Funded photo book project for Trail Guides

Friends Corner sales

Butterfly garden maintenance and plantings

Adopt A Highway Participation

Potluck Holiday Celebration

Complete 2018 Annual Report Available at www.Sloughpreserve.org

# Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve Balance Sheet December 31, 2018

#### **ASSETS**

7.652.15	
Bank Accounts	
1050 Bank of America Accounts	
1050.3 Checking Store	42,987.85
1050.41 Time Deposit CD 8787	10,007.04
1050.42 Time Deposit CD 8826	10,007.00
1050.43 Time Deposit CD 8758	10,007.51
1050.44 Time Deposit CD 0113	25,017.51
1050.45 Time Deposit CD 1023	10,004.15
1050.46 Time Deposit CD 1036	10,004.15
1050.47 Time Deposit CD 1052	10,004.15
1050.48 Time Deposit CD 1065	10,005.81
Total 1050 Bank of America Accounts	138,045.17
Total Bank Accounts	\$138,045.17

# Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve Balance Sheet December 31, 2018 (cont'd)

December 31, 20	oto (cont a)
Other Current Assets	
1300 Other Current Assets	
1300.3 Inventory on Hand store	14,184.77
1300.4 Cash on hand bookstore	550.00
Total 1300 Other Current Assets	14,734.77
Total Other Current Assets	\$14,734.77
Total Current Assets	\$152,779.94
TOTAL ASSETS	\$152,779.94
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
3001 Opening Balance Equity	120,660.20
3010 Retained Earnings	12,768.89
Net Income	19,350.85
Total Equity	\$152,779.94
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FOLLITY	\$152 779.94

# Membership

Membership remains strong. The Board has streamlined our membership categories to better reflect our group's needs.

At year's end in 2018 we had 113 memberships. This figure represents hundreds of individuals. In addition to individual memberships, there are family memberships as well as local clubs and organizations who support our mission.

In 2018, Membership Revenue and Donations totaled over \$18,000.

## Education

#### **Slough Summer Camp Scholarships 2018**

22 scholarships were awarded to local youth. Summer Camp just gets better and better. Many of our volunteers at camp are Friends Members. In addition, Friends provided many of the supplies for camp as well as funding for guest speakers.

#### **School Field Trips 2018**

Funded field trips for Gulf Middle School. Students participated in wet walks, led by Board Member Charles O'Connor, a science educator in the Lee County school system.

#### **Photo Contest**

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

## Education cont'd

#### **Summer Public Wet Walks 2018**

Public walks were led by Education Chair Charles O'Connor and volunteers. Nearly \$1,500 in donations was collected.

#### **Speakers for 2018**

January – **Dr. Edwin Everham,** Professor, FGCU, *Hurricanes and Misunderstood Harmony* 

February – John Herman, Professor, FGCU, Large Snake Ecology

March -Bob Repenning, Land Steward, Memories of the Slough

April – **Cindy Bear**, Program Coordinator, Randell Research Center, *Calusa Culture*, *New Discoveries in Lee County* 

## Friends Corner Store



**TOTAL SALES FOR 2018** 

\$26,000

**INVENTORY VALUE** 

\$14,000

#### **OVER 30 VOLUNTEER WORKER BEES**



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



# Rock and Stroll Garden

Rock and Stroll Garden Report 2018

This year we created 5 new stones for the Rock and Stroll Garden Project. Not all the stones were placed in the garden but their purchase still supports the Educational Programs funded by the Friends of the Slough. We were delighted to be gifted a beautifully designed stone from former Senior Program Specialist Andrea Naccarato which she dedicated to all Slough Volunteers, past, present and future.

The garden plants are still supervised by Florida Master Gardener Donna Cressman and her team of green thumb experts. During the dry season they can often be found watering in the early morning hours. There are many native plants that attract a beautiful collection of butterflies.

The main pathway borders are filling in but there is always room for more stones. Applications are available in the Interpretive Center and on our website. Thank you to all who have supported this project.

Terri Krass, Board Member

# BOARD ELECTION NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT March 27, 2019

March 27, 2019
The Nominating Committee proposes the election of the following Board Members for a term of two years:

- Theresa Roake, President
- Sabine Vandenhende, Vice President
- Sara Maliva, Treasurer
- Nancy Olson, Secretary
- Carolyn Babb, Board Member
- Lyn Brown, Board Member
- Bud Schopp, Board Member

Additional nominations from the Floor may be submitted at this time.

