



FRIENDS OF THE GTM RESERVE

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2009-2010 First Quarter News

Officers

Jonathan Katzen - President
Nancy Schachnovsky - Vice President
Chris Rich - Secretary
Kay Henderson - Treasurer

Directors

Pierre Pierce
Peter Difatta
Ellyn Cavin
Irene Kaufman
Carl Hampp
Anita Pierce
Michael Timpane
Rob Matthews

Friends Financials for the Quarter (Oct-Dec 2009)

Income

Membership Dues	\$4,600
Contributions - General	\$2,998
Contributions - Designated	\$2,862
Partner Donation	\$781
Facility Use/Special Events	<u>\$1,140</u>
Total Income	\$12,381
Total Income year to date: \$12,381	

Expenses

Administrative Expense	\$9,015
(Development-brochures/ mailing, Mgr Nature Store, Admin Support)	
GTM NERR Program Support	<u>\$3,325</u>
Total Expenses	\$12,340

Net Income \$41
Net Income YTD: \$41

Nature Store - Net Income \$3,321



Jonathan Katzen accepts donation from Lisa Duncan of Camachee Cove Yacht Harbor. Photos from 10/13/09 Board meeting



Past Board President, Bill Coleman receives a commemorative sculpture



Derek Fox's Eagle Scout service project

Expenditures and Agenda Items as Voted on at Board of Directors Meetings

October 13, 2009

The Development Committee recommended a budget of \$5000 for a 15000 piece annual fund raiser. The Board voted unanimously to approve the budget. The annual fund raiser will focus on the St Augustine and Ponte Vedra areas.

Peter Difatta was recognized for his efforts in arranging a donation from VyStar Credit Union to expand three beach kiosks.

Security at the Research Reserve's beach parking lots is being questioned by a PVB citizen group. Several options for upgrading security are being researched by GTM staff. The Friends of the GTM Reserve may be asked to raise funds to help pay for the upgrade.

November 10, 2009

Brad Davis of Davis & Davis, CPAs spoke to the Board about the new IRS requirements for non-profits and Board member responsibilities.

The contractor for the EEC building roof and HVAC repairs has been selected and contracts signed. No start date is available at this time.

The "Race for the Reserve" originally scheduled to take place on March 7, 2010 has been moved to Sunday February 7, 2010. Proceeds from the race will be donated to the Friends of the GTM Reserve to support GTM NERR programs.

The Friends of the GTM Reserve are qualified to receive funds through the United Way, if individuals designate us through their employers.

December 8, 2009

Sadly, Triss Padgett resigned from the Board of Directors of the Friends of the GTM Reserve.

The Friends of the GTM Reserve will send a letter to the local press concerning Research Reserve beach parking lot security. The letter will give facts, history, and statistics as provided by the staff at the GTM Research Reserve.

Andrew Thornton gave a status report on the Butterfly Monitoring Program

- 61 species of butterfly have been documented to date.
- The Butterfly Monitoring Program volunteer group is working on a butterfly ID card.

Pierre Pierce worked with a supplier to obtain the panels for the Boy Scout beach kiosk at a discount equal to getting the panels at cost. (Thank you, Lee & Cates!)

The minutes for the first quarter meetings can be viewed on the Friends of the GTM Reserve website.

GOOD NEWS

You can renew your membership online.

Visit www.GTMNERR.org

A membership application can be downloaded from the home page and sent to:

The Friends of the GTM Reserve

450 Guana River Rd

Ponte Vedra Beach, Fl 32082

With your check or money order

Or

Visit www.GTMNERR.org

Go to the **Nature Store** page

Click on the **shop online** link and go to **Join Us**

You will find all of our membership levels as well as Bricks, Adopt a Nest, and Honorariums.

While you are there take a look at all the other items in our Web Store.

There are 3 ways to pay: Charge online with Visa or Master Card,

Charge by phone, or Check by mail. Questions? Call Teri – 904-823-4527

Renewing online helps reduce costs and the funds saved will help support education, stewardship, and research programs at the GTM Research Reserve.

The Nature Store needs volunteers. If you have as little as 4 hours a month to give and are comfortable in a relaxed retail setting, we need you!

For information, please call Angel Gonzalez at 904-823-4500