



FRIENDS OF THE GTM RESERVE

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2008-2009-4th Quarter News

Officers

Pierre Pierce-president
Peter Difatta-Vice President
Irene Kaufman-Secretary
Nancy Schachnovsky-Treasurer

Directors

Wilfrid W Coleman
Carl Hampp
Anita Pierce
Triss Padgett
Jonathan Katzen
Michael Timpane
Kay Henderson
Rob Matthews
Ellyn Cavin

Income by Significant Sources in the Quarter

Membership Dues	\$1965
Brick Sales	\$300
General Contributions	\$1273
Other Contributions	\$280
Partner Vendor	\$1067
Facilities Use	\$560
Total Income	\$5445

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

July 21, 2009

The Nominating Committee presented the following Board members as nominees for officers in 09 / 10

For President – Jonathan Katzen

For Vice President – Nancy Schachnovsky

For Treasurer – Kay Henderson

For Secretary – Chris Rich

Election of Officers for the Friends of the GTM Reserve will be held at the next Board meeting.

A letter will be drafted by the Friends of the GTM Reserve to support a National heritage Area designation for St. Augustine.

The Friends of the GTM Reserve have allocated up to \$1000 for teacher stipends for the next Teachers Workshop at the EEC if alternate funding cannot be found by NERR staff.

August 11, 2009

A vote for officers for 09 / 10 resulted in a unanimous vote in favor of:

President – Jonathan Katzen

Vice President-Nancy Schachnovsky

Secretary – Chris Rich

Treasurer-Kay Henderson

The building repairs have not begun. Due to problems with bonding for the selected vendor the job has gone out for bid again. No timeline is available at this time.

September 14, 2009

The Criteria for Partnership was approved by unanimous vote.

The budget/work plan as presented by the NERR staff at a special meeting was approved for funding with a vote of 7 to 1.

There is still no date for the building repairs, the latest contractor selected by the state has a license issue.

Annual Meeting September 14, 2009

The Friends of the GTM Reserve have partnered with the GTM Research Reserve to apply for grants that cannot be applied for through state channels.

To date 5 grants have been applied for

1 has been received

1 was not won

3 are pending

The Friends of the GTM Reserve and the GTM Research Reserve have changed the way the staff request funds from the Board for the 09 10 fiscal year. (These are funds paid by the Friends of the GTM Reserve and not provided by grants) Funds for the entire year were requested via a budget / work plan presented to the Board at a special meeting. The request was reviewed by the appropriate committees and recommendations were made to the Board.

In the 07 08 fiscal year the Friends of the GTM Reserve had 343 members.

In 08 09 the membership decreased by 2.6%. The goal for 09 10 is to increase membership at least to 07 08 levels.

When asked about the Friends of the GTM Reserve Board of Directors response to issues raised at the last annual meeting, members present felt that the issues were addressed and had positive comments about the Boards efforts.

2 members of the Friends of the GTM Reserve attended the Annual meeting.

The minutes for the fourth 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.