

Friends of the GTM Reserve
September 11, 2006 Board meeting
5pm

Minutes approved – motion by Bonnie, second by Peter
Treasures report as of Friday, September 15:

Nature Store checking	\$15,539.26
Friends checking	14,402.89
Friends Money Market	35,717.83
Friends CD	35,000.00
Total	\$100,659.98

Administration Assistant position – Carl stated that this position will help with admin of Friends group as well as Nature Store purchases and inventory. Salary will be \$20,000 - \$25,000, with FICA approx total would be \$30,000. This position will be available to help with committee work. Bonnie said a person with strong retail background would help increase Nature Store sales. Carol asked if Nature Store revenue will cover the position costs. Carl suggested some but the position will also be working to increase membership. Andy Flajole asked if they would work weekends? – yes, but volunteers will still be needed to cover the store.

Motion by Peter to approve job description and the expense, seconded by Bill, motion passes. Interview subcommittee will be Carl, Peter and Katie

Development Committee – Carl on behalf of Frank and the development committee requests \$10,000 to do the mass mailings listed on the sheet provided.

Motion passes.

Awards and Recognition – Agnes presented the idea of a oval logo medallion (metal) be purchased at a cost of \$1200 for 100 units. These medallions will be used in future recognition projects. Vote to approved: passed

Nominations – Carl in Joe’s absence presented the slate of new officers for a vote:

Bill Coleman: President

Joe Hutnan: Vice Pres

Peter Difatta: Secretary

Bonnie Goldsmith: Treasure

New board member: Irene Kaufman

Motion by Triss, second by Carol, motion passes

Nature Store – Katie gave a brief update on items selling (books, plush animals*will reorder wild republic*, consignment work), new (jewelry, note cards, ship wreck map) and looking to mark down items not moving (Friends Logo items).

Motion by Carol to approve reorders and markdowns, second by Sheryl. Motion passes.

Education Committee – Triss passed around GTM Ed brochure for 06/07 school year and explained education offerings. Ed Committee is working with John Skelton, St Johns River Community College to plan dual enrolment environmental education class to be offered at GTM EEC.

Trip to Costa Rica – Linda and Jerry Harrison presented the idea of them leading a trip to Costa Rica. The travel is booked through Holbrook Travel. Cost approx \$1,200 - \$1,400 + airfare for 7 nights/8days with \$100 pp of the funds going to the Friends Group. Holbrook Travel carries \$2million liability insurance. Min # for the trip to occur is 14. Max # is 21. The trip can still be a go if less than 14 sign up but Linda and Jerry will not be able to lead them. Dates for the trip are May 26-June 2, 2007.

Motion was made by Carol to promote as a Friends trip with \$100 addition for non members and \$50 for members, second by Lou. Motion passes. Linda will provide final costs by next meeting.

Upcoming events –

Katie reported on Artist reception for Nancy Asbell Friday Sept 15, 6-8pm, and National Estuaries Day Sept 30, 9-3pm. All supplies have been purchased with the exception of hot dog buns, which Barb will pick up before Sept 30th. Triss and Lou will tend bar at Artist event. Barb will staff the membership table.

Carl mentioned the annual Friends meeting Sept 30th 330pm.

Katie discussed the Sea Turtle Volunteer monitoring appreciation dinner has been set for Oct 1st. FA Café will cater at a cost of \$5-7 pp for approx 30 people. Adopt a nest program has ended and went well. Monies raised came back to the Friends group and helped cover the costs of the appreciation dinner and volunteer t-shirts for sea turtle patrol.

Update on filling the GTM manager meeting – By Stephanie Bailenson, There are approx 30 applicants so far, position closes Sept 22, Gary (Rookery Bay NERR manager), Ellen McCaren and Stephanie will make up the interview team. Please let Stephanie know if you have any thoughts, issues and such about the manager position.

GTM Update – Janet explained the upcoming management plan revision process. Public Scoping meetings will be held on Nov 1 and 2, at 6pm. Friends kayak trips booked with Coastal Outdoor Center for Sept are full. Oct dates are 9th and 28th. More dates will be booked for Nov. GTM Environmental Center is a polling location this year with 373 people coming to vote in the primaries. Of that, 100+ people came in to tour the exhibit hall. Friends may want to have a table set up in the exhibit hall for the Nov election date.

Next meeting will be Oct 10th 5pm
Meeting adjourned 630pm