

PRINCESS PLACE PRESERVE CITIZENS SUPPORT ORGANIZATION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
NOVEMBER 20, 2009

The Princess Place Preserve Citizens Support Organization met at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, November 20, 2009, at the Princess Lodge, Princess Place Preserve, Flagler County, Florida. The meeting was called to order by Evelyn Shellenberger acting as Chairman in place of George Hanns. Attending were members Pam Derr, Sonia Wadsworth, Steven Jones and Donna Katz.

Those present stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made to approve the Corrected Minutes of the previous meeting. The Minutes were approved as written.

It was noted that no one from the Legacy Lodge was present. Sonia acknowledged that she might have failed to add them to the email list but will verify that they have been added and coordinate with Matt for the next meeting to allow for their previously scheduled visual presentation.

Keith Brown was ill and unable to attend. As a report on new bench purchase and application forms, he emailed information that he and Melissa Sheets are working on the pamphlet and are hoping to have it completed in early December.

Keith's email stated that he spoke with Lori Brown in the Financial Services Department. They are setting up revenue and expense accounts that will allow for money to purchase 25 memorial benches in this fiscal year which runs through September 2010. This will allow for the purchase of a number of benches without waiting for the checks to come in. It was noted the funds received from the sale of the benches would then reimburse the purchase.

Keith suggested the formation of a subcommittee to travel the Princess Place Preserve with handheld GPS to pinpoint locations to place the benches. This can be coordinated with Gayle Starling in Emergency Operations to map the chosen sites.

Evie, Pam, Steve, Donna and Sonia all agreed they would like to participate. It was also noted that the input of Joe Dziak and Wanda Laundrie would add a lot of value because of their knowledge base and experience of interaction with park visitors and events. The tentative dates of December 7 and December 11, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. were selected as possibilities. Sonia will send an email to the members and ask members to sign up for one of those dates. The date which works for Keith and the most members will be the date selected.

There was no news to report on the work done at the Lodge under the grant or other grant possibilities.

Royce Mitchell provided the group with information on the most recent deposits from the donation boxes. The funds in the Save Our Barn donation box at the Creekside Festival totaled

\$45.16. Donations given by independent guests that gave a name were \$23.00. General donations with no names on slips were \$34.00. Royce stated that there are additional in the boxes which he will pick up and deposit using a new receipt system.

Steve stated that he had called Rebecca at the Chamber of Commerce re the amount of funds received at the Creekside Festival which would go to Princess Place but has not received the information. There are still a few outstanding invoices to be paid prior to distribution of funds. If he finds out the information, he will email Keith.

The group discussed the idea of asking the County Commission to segregate funds received for the barn and for the memorial benches each into separate line items under the Princess Place Preserve general fund. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to make a request to the County Commission for the segregation of these funds.

Steve asked the question of what funds is Princess Place supposed to be receiving and what are they actually receiving. He will contact the Finance Department and give a report on this question.

The report on Legacy Program was postponed until the next meeting.

Discussion of forming a subcommittee to explore ideas for fundraisers at Princess Place was postponed until the next meeting.

Keith's email stated that Royce and Parks employees will be installing posters in the next couple of weeks at various kiosk locations throughout PPP.

Steve stated that he had talked to someone at Michael's and was told that ultraviolet protection coated glass would be necessary to prevent sun damage to the posters. He stated he would do some more research and report back.

Pam said her prior research had shown that coated glass was cost prohibitive. It slowed down the process but did not prevent sun damage. The better solution was to keep digital images of everything and recreate items as necessary.

It was noted that having money to purchase uv protective glass would be yet another reason for a fundraiser.

Sonia had emailed members a copy of the State Park Pet Rules. It was suggested that the PPPCSO make a request to the County Commission that, in addition to the adoption of the State Park Pet Rules, the Commission set a policy for a specifically defined area at Princess Place where animals would not be allowed at all (with the exception of service animals). The suggested pet restricted area would be around the Lodge and the barn, with a sign placed at access areas advising visitors "No Animals Beyond This Point".

It was noted that all members had honored the policy of not parking on the grass at the Lodge and had parked in the parking lot.

Steve spoke on the need to preserve the barn, the bathhouse, and workers quarters and told a little about them. He showed pictures of buildings and of part of the 1906 blueprint of Princess Place showing that the worker's quarters were on site at that time. He explained how the road had changed over the years and the buildings have deteriorated over time. There is a lot we do not know about the workers quarters and the Quigley family home but, from what we do know, all of this has historic significance and should be preserved. Preservation of these buildings would greatly enhance the educational and visitor's experience of the flavor of the life and historic integrity of Princess Place.

It was noted that the workers quarters, in addition to just being an historic building for visitors to tour, would also be a great area for displaying many of the things that the County wants to display at Princess Place.

Steve explained his ideas to seek funds from places such as WNZF, the TDC, educational grants, etc. He had many good ideas which he agreed to put into an outline type format with Power Point presentation in order to ground some of the ideas into a time line workable form. A part of his plan is to involve the youth and community into the history of the area and preservation of Princess Place.

It was noted that work at Princess Place has to be done historically. There are rules as to who can work on some projects and how they are to be done.

Steve stated there was approval to put a laboratory or display building to work with the school system on nature and the environment in the original master plan. The placement was not specific.

Under new business, the topic of finding a way to put more structure to the "pavilion" was briefly discussed. No action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is Friday, January 29, 2010, at 9:30 a.m., at the Lodge, Princess Place Preserve, Flagler County, Florida.