Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve
FRIENDS OF
SIX MILE CYPRESS
SLOUGH PRESERVE

ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 22, 2017
INTERPRETIVE CENTER
Agenda

Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve
Annual Meeting - March 22, 2017
Interpretive Center

Welcome Carolyn Babb, President

Announcements

Annual Report Theresa Roake, Secretary

Nominating Committee Report Terri Krass, Board Member

Election General Membership

Introduction of Board of Directors Carolyn Babb, President

Introduction of Bob Repenning, Coordinator, Land Stewardship
"State of the Slough"
Board of Directors

Carolyn Babb, President
Charles O’Connor, Vice President
Theresa Roake, Secretary
Frank Murray*, Treasurer
Lyn Brown**
Donna Cressman
Jeff Key
Terri Krass
Jean Labriola Scholz*
Steve Tutko
Sabine Vandenhende**
Heather Gienapp, Lee County Parks and Recreation Liaison

*Jean Labriola Scholz is completing Frank Murray’s term as Treasurer as of January 1, 2017 due to Frank’s retirement from the position.

**Appointed by Board in October, 2016 as Directors. These directors will be formally elected at Annual Meeting.
Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve Staff

• Annisa Karim, Manager
• Christine Bailey, Senior Supervisor
• Heather Gienapp, Supervisor
• Andrea Naccarato, Senior Program Specialist
• Bob Repenning, Land Steward
• Andy Gurri, Senior Maintenance Specialist
• Dave Mitchell, Senior Maintenance Specialist
President’s Message

Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve
Annual Meeting
March 22, 2017

Congratulations to the Friends members, Board of Directors and the staff at the Slough. We have had another fantastic year at the Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve. During the busy season we often feel that we are going in circles but we always end up at the right place, helping to preserve and protect the Slough while promoting it to all of the visitors who can see why we love the Slough so much. This Board of Directors puts in many hours to keep our organization a success and one of the best Friends group anywhere.

The Friends provided $19,000 in support of the staff and the Slough in 2016. While the monetary support is greatly appreciated by staff, the hours that our members spend at the Slough provide so much support it is hard to compute. The Board of Directors and the members put in many, many hours at and for the Slough. The list of accomplishments is getting longer and longer.

Local television viewers are still seeing our 30 second television public service announcement about the wonders of the Slough. Camp scholarships were awarded to 21 deserving campers. Books were added to the volunteer resource library. The Rock and Stroll Garden has many new rocks. The master gardeners keep the garden beautiful. Trash pick up on Six Mile Parkway continues. Field trips were so much fun. The list goes on and on and on.

We had another successful photo contest. The postcards made from the winning photos that are sold in the Friends Corner store are big sellers. People always like to see their art appreciated by the visitors.

Friends Corner volunteers sold merchandise with a profit of over $9,500 in 2016. The store is staffed by many eager and talented Friends members and volunteers. Thanks to all of the workers for their efforts. We couldn’t do it without their hard work.

Frank Murray, the long time Friends Treasurer, retired this year. Those are big shoes to fill, to say the least. Our new treasurer, Jean Scholz, a board member for five years, has taken on this new responsibility. Thanks so much to her.

Thank you to the Lee County Parks and Recreation staff and to Lee County for our continued successful partnership. It is strong and we all work well together with the common goal of protecting, preserving and promoting the Slough.

To Heather Gienapp, Andrea Naccarato, Bob Repenning, Andy Gurri, Dave Mitchell, Annisa Karim and Christine Bailey thank you for all you do for the Friends and for the Slough. I hope our partnership continues to be as successful and productive as it has been in 2016.

Thank you to all of the Friends members. The monetary support, moral support and volunteer efforts by the members enable the Board of Directors to continue in our mission for the Slough. 2017 promises to be as big and beautiful as the past year.

See you in the Slough.
Carolyn Babb, President
Friends Accomplishments 2016

Direct Support to the Slough of $19,000 including:

- Public wet walks for over 150 people
- Camp scholarships for 21 campers
  - Camp supplies
  - Camp intern stipend
  - Camp speakers honoraria
- Friends Field Trips including:
  - Clinic for the Rehabilitation Of Wildlife
  - Gordon River Greenway in Naples
  - Babcock Webb Wildlife Management Area
  - Fort Myers Beach Fishing Fleet
- Funding for school field trip buses and teachers
- Rocks added to Rock and Stroll Garden
- Photo contest 55 photographers, 150 photos
- Books for Blake Cadkin Resource Library
- Four new rocking chairs for deck
- Web site development and design
- Seasonal displays Interpretive Center

Gathering speakers including:
- Dr. Win Everham, Florida Gulf Coast University
- Dr. Serge Thomas, Florida Gulf Coast University
- Robert Repenning, Land Steward, Lee County
- Alexis Horn, Sierra Club Panther Habitat, Campaign Coordinator
- Volunteer of the Year
- Volunteer thank you gifts
- Accomplishment pins volunteer education
- Funded staff education opportunities
- Friends Corner sales
- Butterfly garden maintenance and plantings
- University of Georgia students support
- Funding for trail signage and markers
- Funding for new guidebooks for boardwalk
- Adopt A Highway Participation
- Resource library reorganization

Complete 2016 Annual Report Available at www.Sloughpreserve.org
Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve
Balance Sheet
December 31, 2016

ASSETS
Current Assets
Checking/Savings
1000 · Current Assets
1050 · Bank of America accounts
1050.1 · BoA Main Checking
19,883.43
1050.2 · BoA Savings MM
21,924.56
1050.3 · BoA Bookstore check 7,640.69
1050.41 · Time Deposit CD 8787 02/12/2017
10,000.00
1050.42 · Time Deposit CD 8826 11/14/2016
10,000.00
1050.43 · Time Deposit CD 8758 5/16/2016
10,000.50
1050.44 · Time Deposit CD 0113 7/29/2017
25,000.00
Total 1050 · Bank of America accounts
104,449.18
Total 1000 · Current Assets
104,449.18
Total Checking/Savings
104,449.18

Other Current Assets
1300 · Other Current Assets
1300.3 · Inventory on hand IC store
15,502.60
1300.4 · Cash on hand Bookstore
1,120.00
Total 1300 · Other Current Assets
16,622.60
Total Other Current Assets
16,622.60

Total Current Assets
121,071.78
TOTAL ASSETS
$121,071.78
## Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve Balance Sheet December 31, 2016 (cont’d)

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**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY**  
$121,071.78
### Membership

**Annual Membership Snapshot**

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Communications

Connections – Friends newsletter was published four times in 2016 in January, April, July and October.

Contributors included Heather Gienapp, Andrea Naccarato, Annisa Karim, Bob Repenning, Mary Murray, Frank Murray, Jean Scholz, Charles O’Connor, Janet Bunch, Dotty Brown, Theresa Roake, Terri Krass, Steve Tutko, Jeff Key, Jeff Montgomery, Lyn Brown and Carolyn Babb, editor and Bruce Bunch, copy editor.

Email communication is used for messages and information to the membership for meetings and events and other information. An email listing of membership is maintained for this purpose.

Events and meetings are publicized in local newspapers including the News Press, the Naples Daily News, the Florida River Weekly and the Daniels Corridor publication.
Education

**Slough Summer Camp Scholarships 2016**
21 scholarships were awarded to local youngsters. A good time was had by all. In addition, Friends provided many of the supplies for camp.

**School Field Trips 2016**
Funded field trips for North Myers Academy of the Arts. Students participated in wet walks, led by Joelle Hammes, 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.
Summer Public Wet Walks 2016
13 public walks were led by Education Chair Charles O’Connor and volunteers. Over $1,100 in donations was collected.

Speakers for 2016

January – Dr. Win Everham, Professor, FGCU, Effects of Mosquito Control on Non-mosquito Population
February – Dr. Serge Thomas, Professor, FGCU, Biology of Retention Ponds
March – Bob Repenning, Land Steward, State of the Slough
April – Alexis Horn, Sierra Club Panther Habitat Campaign Coordinator, Panther Habitat
Friends Corner Store

TOTAL SALES FOR 2016 $24,235

INVENTORY VALUE $15,000

32 VOLUNTEER WORKERS

To all of the volunteers at the Corner
THANK YOU!!!
Rock and Stroll Garden – 2016

Rock and Stroll Report

2016 was another productive year for the Rock and Stroll Garden with the addition of five new stones. This brings the total stones to date to 30. The garden is beginning to fill in with the many sentiments engraved for all to enjoy.

Under Donna Cressman's continued excellent Master Gardner experience, and with the help of her assistants; Nancy Olson, Carolee Drotos, Kelly Bishop and Suzanne Frechette, the plants in the garden are thriving. The Team has cultivated over 25 native species of plants; many that attract butterflies. This gives the garden a very refreshing feeling and makes for a great picnic spot as visitors may sit and watch the many butterflies. In addition, Donna has added a seasonal program titled Butterfly Gardening Questions and Answers to the schedule.

There is still plenty of room for more stones. Order forms are located at the front desk in the Interpretative Center. I will be happy to help you select text, graphics or with any other detail. This is the perfect way to "own" your piece of the Slough. All proceeds go to support the Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve educational programs.

Terri Krass, Board Member
Minutes of Annual Meeting
March 23, 2016

Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve
Board of Directors
March 23, 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m. by President Carolyn Babb

Everyone was welcomed and Carolyn Babb read her message and presented reports from 2015.

   Frank Murray, Treasurer
   Theresa Roake, Secretary
   Donna Cressman, Board Member
   Terri Krass, Board Member
   Jean Labriola Scholz, Board Member
   Steve Tutko, Board Member
   were re-elected for an additional term of two years.

Board of Directors was introduced.

Bob Repenning, Coordinator, Land Stewardship presented “State of the Slough”
BOARD ELECTION
NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

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

• Theresa Roake, President
• Sabine Vandenhende, Vice President
• Lyn Brown, Board Member
• Jeff Key, Board Member
• Charles O’Connor, Board Member
• Bud Schopp, Board Member

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