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

ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 27th, 2019
INTERPRETIVE CENTER
Agenda

Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve
Annual Meeting - March 27, 2019
Interpretive Center

Welcome
Theresa Roake, President

Announcements

Annual Report
Theresa Roake, President

Nominating Committee Report
Carolyn Babb, Board Member

Election
General Membership

Introduction of Board of Directors

Introduction of Roxanne Taylor, Coordinator, Land Stewardship
“State of the Slough”
Board of Directors

Theresa Roake  President
Sabine Vandenhende  Vice President
Nancy Olson*  Secretary
Bud Schopp**  Interim Treasurer
Carolyn Babb
Lyn Brown
Donna Cressman
Terri Krass
Charles O’Connor
Heather Gienapp, Lee County Parks and Recreation Liaison

*Formally Appointed by Board in January, 2019 as Secretary. She will be formally elected at Annual Meeting.

**Bud Schopp has been acting as Interim Treasurer. A new Treasurer will be elected at the Annual Meeting.
Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve
Staff

• Annisa Karim, Manager
• Christine Bailey, Senior Supervisor
• Heather Gienapp, Supervisor
• Kelsey Lang, Senior Program Specialist
• Roxanne Taylor, Land Steward
• Andy Gurri, Senior Maintenance Specialist
President’s Message

Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve
Annual Meeting March 27, 2019

Thank you to the Friends members, Board of Directors and the Staff at the Slough. We have had another successful year at Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve. As Season draws to a close we pause to reflect on what we’ve accomplished together over the past year.

Our Friends group provided over $10,000 in support of programs at the Slough in 2018. In addition, your Board of Directors and Friends members put in thousands of hours on behalf of the Slough. The staff continues to create innovative programming for a quality experience at the Slough. We just keep polishing and enhancing our “crown jewel.”

Thank you again for your efforts. Your support enables the Board of Directors to continue in our mission of protecting, preserving and promoting the Slough. Please read on for more accomplishments in 2018. Onward and upward in 2019!

Hope to see you at the Slough soon.

Theresa Roake. President
Friends Accomplishments 2018

Direct Support to the Slough of over $10,000 including:

- Public wet walks
- Camp scholarships for 22 campers
- Camp supplies
- Camp speakers honoraria
- Funding for development and production of new self-guided brochure for the Boardwalk
- Funding for school field trip buses and teachers
- Rocks added to Rock and Stroll Garden
- Photo contest
- Ice Cream Social for 10th Anniversary of Interpretive Center
- Funding for trail signage and markers
- Web site updates
- New display monitor for Interpretive Center

Gathering speakers including:
- Dr. Win Everham, Florida Gulf Coast University
- John Herman, Florida Gulf Coast University
- Robert Repenning, Land Steward, Lee County
- Cindy Bear, Randell Research Center

Volunteer of the Year
- Volunteer thank you gifts
- Volunteer Education Support
- Funded photo book project for Trail Guides
- Friends Corner sales
- Butterfly garden maintenance and plantings
- Adopt A Highway Participation
- Potluck Holiday Celebration

Complete 2018 Annual Report Available at www.Sloughpreserve.org
# Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve
## Balance Sheet
### December 31, 2018

**ASSETS**

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**Total Bank Accounts**

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### Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve
#### Balance Sheet
December 31, 2018 (cont’d)

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**Total 1300 Other Current Assets** 14,734.77

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**Total Current Assets** $152,779.94

**TOTAL ASSETS** $152,779.94

**Liabilities and Equity**

**Total Liabilities**

**Equity**

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**Total Equity** $152,779.94

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY** $152,779.94
Membership

Membership remains strong. The Board has streamlined our membership categories to better reflect our group’s needs.

At year’s end in 2018 we had 113 memberships. This figure represents hundreds of individuals. In addition to individual memberships, there are family memberships as well as local clubs and organizations who support our mission.

In 2018, Membership Revenue and Donations totaled over $18,000.
Education

**Slough Summer Camp Scholarships 2018**
22 scholarships were awarded to local youth. Summer Camp just gets better and better. Many of our volunteers at camp are Friends Members. In addition, Friends provided many of the supplies for camp as well as funding for guest speakers.

**School Field Trips 2018**
Funded field trips for Gulf Middle School. Students participated in wet walks, led by Board Member Charles O’Connor, 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 2018
Public walks were led by Education Chair Charles O’Connor and volunteers. Nearly $1,500 in donations was collected.

Speakers for 2018

January – Dr. Edwin Everham, Professor, FGCU, Hurricanes and Misunderstood Harmony
February – John Herman, Professor, FGCU, Large Snake Ecology
March – Bob Repenning, Land Steward, Memories of the Slough
April – Cindy Bear, Program Coordinator, Randell Research Center, Calusa Culture, New Discoveries in Lee County
Friends Corner Store

TOTAL SALES FOR 2018 $26,000

INVENTORY VALUE $14,000

OVER 30 VOLUNTEER WORKER BEES

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

Rock and Stroll Garden Report 2018

This year we created 5 new stones for the Rock and Stroll Garden Project. Not all the stones were placed in the garden but their purchase still supports the Educational Programs funded by the Friends of the Slough. We were delighted to be gifted a beautifully designed stone from former Senior Program Specialist Andrea Naccarato which she dedicated to all Slough Volunteers, past, present and future.

The garden plants are still supervised by Florida Master Gardener Donna Cressman and her team of green thumb experts. During the dry season they can often be found watering in the early morning hours. There are many native plants that attract a beautiful collection of butterflies.

The main pathway borders are filling in but there is always room for more stones. Applications are available in the Interpretive Center and on our website. Thank you to all who have supported this project.

Terri Krass, Board Member
BOARD ELECTION
NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
March 27, 2019

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

• Theresa Roake, President
• Sabine Vandenhende, Vice President
• Sara Maliva, Treasurer
• Nancy Olson, Secretary
• Carolyn Babb, Board Member
• Lyn Brown, Board Member
• Bud Schopp, Board Member

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