Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve

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FRIENDS OF
SIX MILE CYPRESS
SLOUGH PRESERVE

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

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- Annisa Karim, Manager
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President’s Message

Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve
2019 Annual Report

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. I am honored and humbled to be part of such a giving and effective group.

Our Friends group provided over $15,000 in support of programs at the Slough in 2019. In addition, your Board of Directors and Friends members continue to put in thousands of hours on behalf of the Slough. The Staff works to continually ensure a positive experience for our campers, field trip participants, visitors and members. We hope to inspire folks to care for this beautiful, special place and perhaps preserve others like it.

Thank you again for your support; we are truly grateful. 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 2019. We’re already working on what we can do in 2020!

Hope to see you out on the trail.

Theresa Roake. President
Friends Accomplishments 2019

Direct Support to the Slough of over $15,000 including:

- Books for Library
- Camp scholarships for 15 campers
- Camp supplies
- Camp Speakers honoraria
- Public Wet Walks
- Funding for school field trip buses and teachers
- Rocks added to Rock and Stroll Garden
- Photo contest
- Full Moon Walk Program Supplies
- Funding for trail signage and markers
- Wildlife Camera
- New volunteer display for Interpretive Center

Gathering speakers including:

- Justin Proctor, Birds Caribbean
- Dan Quinn, FWC
- Roxanne Taylor, Land Steward, Lee County
- Charles O’Connor, Board Member & Education Director

- Volunteer of the Year
- Volunteer thank you gifts
- Volunteer Education Support
- Self-Guided Trail Brochures
- Friends Corner sales
- Interpretive Center lighting for evening programs
- Garden maintenance and plantings
- Adopt A Highway Participation
- Potluck Holiday Celebration

Complete 2019 Annual Report Available at
www.sloughpreserve.org
Photo by Kelsey Lang
Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve  
Balance Sheet  
December 31, 2019

ASSETS

Bank Accounts

1050 Bank of America Accounts

1050.3 Checking Store  
1050.41 Time Deposit CD 8787  
1050.42 Time Deposit CD 8826  
1050.43 Time Deposit CD 8758  
1050.44 Time Deposit CD 0113  
1050.45 Time Deposit CD 1023  
1050.46 Time Deposit CD 1036  
1050.47 Time Deposit CD 1052  
1050.48 Time Deposit CD 1065

Total 1050 Bank of America Accounts  

Total Bank Accounts

$147,458.35
Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve
Balance Sheet
December 31, 2019 (cont’d)

Other Current Assets
1300 Other Current Assets
1300.3 Inventory on Hand store 16,781.97
1300.4 Cash on hand bookstore 550.00
Total 1300 Other Current Assets 17,331.97
Total Other Current Assets $17,331.97
Total Current Assets $164,790.32
TOTAL ASSETS $164,790.32

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY
Total Liabilities
Equity
3001 Opening Balance Equity 120,660.20
3010 Retained Earnings 32,119.74
Net Income 12,010.38
Total Equity $164,790.32
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY $164,790.32
• Membership remains strong. Our Membership Chair keeps in touch with current members and welcomes new ones.

• At year’s end in 2019 we had 221 memberships. This figure represents many more individuals. In addition to individual memberships, there are family memberships as well as local clubs and organizations who support our mission.

• In 2019, Membership Revenue and Donations totaled over $20,000.
Education

**Slough Summer Camp Scholarships 2019**
15 scholarships were awarded to local youth. Summer Camp had many engaging activities. A new favorite was photography. Many of our volunteers at camp are Friends Members. In addition, Friends provided the supplies for camp as well as funding for guest speakers.

**School Field Trips 2019**
Funded field trips for Gulf Middle School. Students participated in wet walks, led by Advisory Board Member Charles O’Connor, a science educator in the Lee County school system. In addition, many other school groups visited the Slough for wet walks as the environmental education program gains new life 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 2019
Public walks were led by Advisory Board Member Charles O’Connor and volunteers. Nearly $1,000 in donations was collected.

Speakers for 2019

January – Justin Proctor, BirdsCaribbean, Creating Bird Friendly Landscapes
February – Dan Quinn, Biologist, FWC, Southwest Florida Invasive Animals
March – Roxanne Taylor, Land Steward, State of the Slough
April – Dr. Charles O’Connor, Advisory Board Member and Lee County Educator, Florida’s Incredible Prehistoric Animals
Friends Corner Store

TOTAL SALES FOR 2019  $35,070

INVENTORY VALUE  $16,782

OVER 30 VOLUNTEER WORKERS

To all of the volunteers at the Corner
THANK YOU!!!
This year we have added four beautiful new stones to the garden pathways. Many express sentiments for friends and loved ones who have a special connection to the Slough which makes this a very heartfelt project. All the proceeds support the programs funded by the Friends of the Slough with each purchase helping us to continue to promote environmental learning opportunities. We now have a total of 37 stones!

The Garden has added two new arbors and colorful signs to encourage visitors to look for the many butterflies that now make their home among the plantings. We are very fortunate to have the assistance of several volunteers who select and tend to the beautiful butterfly attracting plants. When visiting the garden, be sure to look closely for the various stages of butterfly life.

Applications to purchase a stone are available at the front desk inside the Interpretive Center, on our website, or by contacting me directly. I am always willing to assist with design and art work for the carver to create a unique stone for each occasion. Thank you to all who have supported this project.

Terri Krass, Board Member
BOARD ELECTION
ANNUAL MEETING
March 27, 2019

The following Board Members were elected 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