



**Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve**

A scenic view of a slough with bare trees in the foreground and a small boat in the distance. The text is overlaid on the image.

**FRIENDS OF  
SIX MILE CYPRESS  
SLOUGH PRESERVE**

**ANNUAL MEETING  
MARCH 24th, 2021  
VIA ZOOM**

# Agenda

**Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve  
Annual Meeting - March 24, 2021  
Via Zoom**

**Welcome**

**Theresa Roake, President**

**Announcements**

**Annual Report**

**Theresa Roake, President**

**Nominating Committee Report**

**Donna Cressman, Board Member**

**Election**

**General Membership**

**Introduction of Board of Directors**

**Introduction of Roxanne Taylor, Natural Areas Coordinator  
*"State of the Slough"***

# Board of Directors

Theresa Roake	President
Sabine Vandenhende	Vice President
Nancy Olson	Secretary
Sara Maliva	Treasurer

Carolyn Babb

Lyn Brown

Donna Cressman

Terri Krass

David Minnick\*

Bud Schopp

Annisa Karim, Lee County Parks and Recreation Liaison

\*Formally Appointed by Board in December, 2020. He will be formally elected at Annual Meeting.

# President's Message

**Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve  
Annual Meeting March 24, 2021**

**Thank you to the Friends members, Board of Directors and the Staff at the Slough. We have had an interesting year at Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve. We were able to zig where we used to zag and our organization was able to accomplish many goals.**

**Our Friends group provided over \$20,000 in support at the Slough in 2020. In addition, your Board of Directors and Friends members put in many hours on behalf of the Slough. From wonderful speakers at the beginning of the year, then a successful photo contest, on to summer camp assistance and a first-ever virtual seminar for our members, we provided for the Slough as it provides for us.**

**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 2020. Onward and upward in 2021!**

**It has been an honor to serve you these past four years. Hope to see you at the Slough soon.**

*Theresa Roake*, President

# Friends Accomplishments 2020

**Direct Support to the Slough of over \$20,000 including:**

**Camp scholarships  
Camp supplies**

**Printing of self-guided brochure for the Boardwalk in  
English and Spanish**

**New trail guide for Kids**

**Rocks added to Rock and Stroll Garden**

**Photo contest**

**Artwork and designs for future Trail Entrance  
improvements**

**Web site updates**

**New mosaic mural for Interpretive Center**

**Gathering speakers including:**

**Dr. Jerry Jackson, Florida Gulf Coast University  
Andrea Naccarato, Naples Botanical Garden**

**Funding for new Butterfly displays**

**First Zoom seminar on photography featuring  
Geoff Coe, Wildlife Images**

**Friends Corner sales**

**Butterfly garden maintenance and plantings**

**Fans for Teaching Deck**

**Holiday Celebration via Zoom**

**Complete 2020 Annual Report Available at  
[www.sloughpreserve.org](http://www.sloughpreserve.org)**

**Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve  
Balance Sheet  
December 31, 2020**

ASSETS

Bank Accounts

1050 Bank of America Accounts

1050.3 Checking Store 61,078.96

1050.41 Time Deposit CD 8787 10,020.48

1050.42 Time Deposit CD 8826 10,020.29

1050.43 Time Deposit CD 8758 10,020.95

1050.44 Time Deposit CD 0113 25,051.10

1050.45 Time Deposit CD 1023 10,014.19

1050.46 Time Deposit CD 1036 10,014.18

1050.47 Time Deposit CD 1052 10,013.85

1050.48 Time Deposit CD 1065 10,019.84

**Total 1050 Bank of America Accounts 156,253.84**

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**Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**December 31, 2020 (cont'd)**

Other Current Assets	
1300 Other Current Assets	
1300.3 Inventory on Hand store	16,938.55
1300.4 Cash on hand bookstore	550.00
<b>Total 1300 Other Current Assets</b>	<b>17,488.55</b>
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>\$17,488.55</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$173,742.39</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$173,742.39</b>
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	
Equity	
3001 Opening Balance Equity	120,660.20
3010 Retained Earnings	44,130.12
Net Income	8,952.07
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$173,742.39</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$173,742.39</b>



# Membership

Membership remains strong. In 2020, Membership Revenue and Donations totaled over \$28,000.

Membership represents hundreds of individuals. In addition to individual memberships, there are family memberships as well as local clubs and organizations who support our mission. If you are not a member, please consider joining us. If you are a member, please consider recommending Friends to friends. As a team, we can all help to further our mission of preserving and protecting our beautiful Slough.

For more information on membership, please go to our website at [www.sloughpreserve.org](http://www.sloughpreserve.org)

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# Education

## Summer Camp Education Activity assisted by Friends

The Friends purchased 15 small Canon cameras for Slough summer camp in the summer of 2019. A half day program that was developed and implemented by Friends board members Sabine Vandenhende and Carolyn Babb, was used again by the counselors for the campers in the summer of 2020. The campers were instructed on the basics of photography and spent several hours taking photos in the Slough. Each camper had one of their photos entered in the Photo Contest that was held for 2021. The Friends also provided funding for supplies for the activities of the campers.

## Camp Scholarships

Summer camp was held but with fewer participants due to COVID restrictions. The Friends provided three scholarships to worthy campers.



# Education cont'd

## Photo Contest

Another year for our very popular and successful contest – each continues to showcase amazing images taken in the Slough.

## Gathering Speakers in 2020

January – **Dr. Jerry Jackson**, Professor, FGCU, *All About Aningas*

February – **Andrea Naccarato Cox**, Naples Botanical Garden, *Butterflies of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve*

## Photography Zoom Session by Geoff Coe

A Zoom seminar for members and others interested in photography was held with speaker Geoff Coe – professional photographer, Slough volunteer and Slough photo contest judge. His topic was photographing the beauty of the Slough. This was the first Friends Zoom function and was a great success.

# Friends Corner Store

Later ...

Alligator



**TOTAL SALES FOR 2020** **\$15,132**

**INVENTORY VALUE** **\$17,000**

**Friends Corner remained closed for most of 2020.  
Sales were brisk over the 2 ½ months we were able  
to be open. We look forward to reopening in 2021.**

**To all of the volunteers at the Corner  
THANK YOU!!!**

# BOARD ELECTION NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT March 24, 2021

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

- Sabine Vandenhende, President
- Sara Maliva, Treasurer
- Carolyn Babb, Board Member
- Lyn Brown, Board Member
- David Minnick, Board Member
- Bud Schopp, Board Member

The Nominating Committee proposes the election of the following Board Members for a term of one year:

- Nancy Olson, Vice President
- Theresa Roake, Past President, Secretary

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

# 2020 Annual Report



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