

## DNA Minutes of General Meeting, April, 27, 2015, First United Methodist Church

-Call to Order: Melanie Barr, President called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

-Approval of General Meeting Minutes for the prior general meeting was presented and accepted.

-Officers Reports:

1. Treasurer's report: the Treasurers report was presented by Brian Miller. The Association checking account has a current positive balance of \$9,106.38. The report was accepted by the members present.

-Neighborhood Police Report: Officer Graham presented the police report for the neighborhood. A black male (may be the same person) in his late 20's to 30's has been seen at several locations exposing himself. He has not been caught, so be observant. Also reported, was individuals sleeping on vacant property. We were advised to report anyone sleeping in vacant houses or on porches. Homeless have been concentrating along Waldo Road near NW Seafood approximately midway between Grace Marketplace and downtown.

-Meeting Program: Tonight's program was presented by Emily Rodriguez, an Environmental Specialist with the Alachua County Environmental Protection Department. She discussed water conservation and its effect on utility bills. Emily discussed ways in which homeowners can conserve on water usage. Her presentation began with the source of our water supply locally, the Floridan aquifer which is accessed by wells utilized by the city and county. Alachua County currently uses approximately 19 mgd. She illustrated how we in the U.S. use more water per day per capita than most other countries. This is why helping to conserve water is of paramount concern. Local conservation requirements such as irrigation restrictions were discussed. This included days watering is allowed, the amount of water allowed to be used, and that automatic sprinkler systems must have a rain sensor so that watering does not occur during periods of rain. Alachua County also has a plan whereby homeowners can avail themselves of a turf swap where the county will provide Florida friendly plants in exchange for a homeowner giving up turf. We were told to watch for water leaks and limiting our use of water where possible. Examples are use of efficient toilets, faucets, limiting the time of showers, and efficient clothes washers. Homeowners should Contact Emily at 352-263-6809. She will be glad to discuss what homeowners may be able to do to help conserve water usage.

- Announcements: the Co-Op on South Main could use your financial help. Maps of the Duck Pond historic area were made available after the meeting. The Pleasant Street Historic District is having a fund raiser, Saturday, May 2.

-The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.