

## **FRIENDS OF ANASTASIA ANNUAL MEETING – March 14, 2019**

**President: Rich Gallik – Present**

**Vice President: Rita Roberts – Present**

**Secretary: Louise Gallik – Present**

**Treasurer: Katrina Denny –Present**

**Board Members Present –Cecile Nusbaum, Kevin Monroe, Nico Recore**

**Board Members Absent – Timothy Coons**

**Anastasia State Park PSS –Chanell Guillaume-Present**

**Assistant Park Manager: Brandon Volbrecht**

**Member- Lynn Monroe**

**Meeting called to order** at 6:05 pm. Membership was welcomed by Rich Gallik, President.

**Discussion of meeting minutes** from February 14, 2019. Motion by Rita and seconded by Katrina and approved by all.

**Presidents Report:** Rich Gallik –

The Concert on Anastasia State Park Beach discussed at the February meeting and authorized by the CSO Board is being organized by the Amphitheatre and our Park Manager Mark Giblin. It will feature the Wheeland Brothers from California with Sean McCarthy as the local opening act and will be part of their Toast to the Coast tour. They are currently featured at the Tortuga Music Festival in Ft Lauderdale. The date is April 19<sup>th</sup>. The time is 5-9pm with the Amphitheatre providing food trucks and beverages for sale. This initial concert will be free with paid park entrance fee. Our CSO will receive a percentage of the food and beverage sales. However our responsibilities include housing and feeding the band. They have requested a furnished tent which could be used again at the Park for “Glamping” enthusiasts. Many details still remain to be worked out. Extra parking will be available at the Amphitheatre and tram provided. ADA accessible wheelchairs will be provided for those needing assistance. Sponsors are being sought: Mellow Mushroom has expressed interest as well as Salt Life Food Shack. Also our CSO will have the opportunity to provide information relating to volunteering at the park or joining our CSO. Nico recommended we also provide information about the Friends of the Amphitheatre.

Assistant Manager Brandon Volbrecht-

Brandon discussed the Toast of the Coast Concert. Every effort will be made to make this a responsible event sensitive to wildlife and conservation. The concert area will be fenced off so as not to disturb the dunes or native inhabitants. It will be an all- age’s event and ADA friendly. Extra beach wheelchairs will be borrowed from neighboring parks if necessary.

Anastasia State Park- Chanell Guillaume-

Chanell handed out a list of Park Programs/Events for March 2019. Her programs have created new interest and drawn many new visitors to the park. Among those programs are: a Historical look at the Old Spanish Quarries tour, Bird walks, Trail Hikes, Photo Scavenger Hunts, Let's Talk Turtle. She also reminded us to report our volunteer hours and to fill out new Volunteer Agreement forms.

The Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for March 22, 2019. 4-6pm at the Sea Turtle Pavilion. All volunteers and Camp Hosts are encouraged to attend.

Our Earth Day Celebration will be April 22, 2019 at 1pm. There will be a project to make and movie screening about the effects of plastics on our world shown in the Watersports Classroom.

The city of St Augustine Beach will have an Arbor Day celebration at City Hall April 26, 2019 with booths from many organizations as well as hands on displays. Anastasia State Park will have an information tent as well as Photo Booth.

Kids Ocean Day is May 3, 2019 at Anastasia 9am to noon. Set up will be at 8am. More details to follow. This event is sponsored by A1A Scenic Highway.

Volunteers encouraged at any of these events. Contact Chanell.

**Financial Report:** Katrina discussed our Financial Report and its new format. Our 2019 Budget was amended to include new items such as Turtle Sticker purchases – Taxes are being formulated with help from a volunteer accountant Beth Brier.

#### **Committee Chair Reports:**

**Membership Report:** Dennis is out-of-town and will report in April.

#### **Fund Raising: Adopt-a-Nest and Turtle Sticker sales-**

Linda Buschman and David Jones have reported new Sponsorships for 2019 totaling \$985.00. Individuals who Adopt will receive general information instead of a specific location of the nest as last year those details made the process too complicated.

#### **Endless Summer Run – September 21, 2019 - Flyers were handed out to Board Members –**

**As well as Sponsorship Applications** Runners have been registering for both the 5K and 10 K. We would like to add some new Sponsors so please inquire among your business contacts. Paperwork needs to be received by mid-May so name can be included on t-shirt.

**Cleanup:** – The next CSO Beach Cleanup may be scheduled after the proposed Beach Concert or in June.

**Recycling/Go Green:** The Rangers have discontinued the can recycling program.

**Web Site/Facebook:**

Cecile will redesign our website at no cost. The CSO will pay Old City Web Services \$175.00 for the SSL certificate which is due every two years and a “plugin” fee for website updates every quarter at \$25.00 per update (\$100.00 per year.)

New pages will be added to the website to accommodate the Endless Summer Run and the Concert. Images need to be received before the new design can be accomplished

**Our next general meeting is April 11, 2019 at 6:00 PM.**

**New Business – Kids Ocean Day at the Park May 3, 2019.**

Volunteers needed 9 to noon. Sponsored by A1A Scenic Highway

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.