

FRIENDS OF ANASTASIA Membership Meeting – October 10, 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, Beth McCoy

Board Members - Absent - Nico Recore

Anastasia State Park – Mark Giblin, Chanell Guillaume

Members- Lynn Monroe, Gwen Hollander

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm. Membership was welcomed by Rich Gallik at the Watersports Classroom Building.

Discussion of meeting minutes from September 12, 2019. No changes required. Motion to approve by Katrina and seconded by Cecile and approved by all.

Presidents Report: Rich Gallik –

A discussion was held relating to the purchase of a new 4 door, 4x4, v-8, Chevy truck for \$26,179.75. The Park has been in need of a reliable “beach” vehicle for some time due to adverse effects of beach weather and hurricane damage. An email vote was taken when Mark found an unbeatable deal through the State Vehicle Fleet Purchase Program. It was more practical to purchase new versus used at this price since MSRP for 8 cylinder trucks is usually \$39,930.00. **The membership voted unanimously in favor of purchase.** We can expect delivery of the truck in 90 to 120 days.

Anastasia State Park: Mark Giblin

Once again Florida State Parks have won the National Park Service Award for excellence. This is our Fourth time as #1.

Mark reported on the progress of the new campfire area which will be ADA compliant. There is now a cement walkway from a parking space to the area. New benches and a fire pit have been installed as well as new lighting and electrical. It will also have a screen for showing videos. The Park has added wooden steps from the camp road to the area. This will become a wonderful location for group educational talks and other activities including outdoor cooking demonstrations.

The Park has also added an overlook viewing deck at our Old Spanish Coquina Quarries with more signage describing the significance of the Coquina Quarries, and a walkway.

Mark will be attending pre-construction meetings for the paving of our main park road and sidewalks. Construction is scheduled to begin in early November.

Again this year the campground loops will be closed for maintenance as, one by one, they are updated, cleaned and trimmed up.

Chanell handed out her list of programs for October. New this month will be a discussion and celebration of Bat Week, October 24-31. The talk will be October 30 and there will be a “bat craft” at the end of the presentation.

Lynn, Rita and Chanell will be representing Anastasia State Park for the Amp’s Children’s Art Fest. They will be teaching the children to make a clever craft.

Kym’s Retirement Party is scheduled for October 31. She is a BIG fan of Halloween. Come and celebrate with her!

MailChimp Email Services need to be expanded to reach a larger segment of the public. It was agreed we should pay a higher monthly rate in order to keep a larger number informed.

National Public Lands Day Park Clean-up was a big success. We had 84 participants including a local church group as well as scout troop. Thank you to Ranger Dean for leading this event.

Something to think about: a Thanksgiving time beach clean-up November 23??

Financial Report: Katrina reported a balance of \$65,714.00 in our bank account. Endless Summer Run profit at \$17,943 – we do expect more sponsorship money.

We will pay the Slick Technology (Text Messaging) bill at \$432.00 for a year (11/1/19 – 11/1/20).

Membership Report: Dennis is on vacation – he has been mailing membership cards to new members – he will provide a membership report at our November meeting.

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

Sponsorships for the 2019 Adopt-a Nest program and sticker sales are going well.

Endless Summer Run – September 21, 2019 –

Another amazing Run. We sold out two months ahead of the date with 537 race participants competing and seventy volunteers. Each year we improve the “experience” to create what we feel is a better organized event and have enthusiastic support from the Ancient City Road Runners Group as well as an excellent partnership with Don’s Friends. Our Camp Hosts assisted at the 10K water stations. A fire truck and EMS was on site this year in case we needed them. The weather gods provided a beautiful day.

This year we added off-site parking at RB Hunt Elementary School Soccer Field because the Race has become so popular there is not enough parking for the runners, spectators and volunteers. We had a shuttle service provided by the Council on Aging.

The Silent Auction had many interesting items to bid on. Among them:

- Kevin's handmade Adirondack Chair
- Guy Harvey Resort 3 day, 2 night stay
- Best Western Beach 1 night stay
- Holiday Inn 1 night stay
- Balloon Ride
- Old Dominion tickets
- Many restaurant gift cards
- Gift bags

These items created much excitement and bidding competition.

Cleanup: Possible November beach clean-up.

Web Site/Facebook: Cecile and her staff (she mentioned Bob is her web designer) have been redesigning our website. She gave us a preview and it looks amazing. The new design will make it easier to access all information. It now has some great new updates! In the future it will be possible to join Friends online.

We will be adding logos of sponsors as a thank you for their participation.

Our next general meeting is November 14, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.