

## **FRIENDS OF ANASTASIA Membership Meeting – November 14, 2019**

**President: Rich Gallik – Present**

**Vice President: Rita Roberts – Present**

**Secretary: Louise Gallik – Present**

**Treasurer: Katrina Denny –Present**

**Board Members - Present – Kevin Monroe, Beth McCoy**

**Board Members - Absent - Nico Recore, Cecile Nusbaum**

**Anastasia State Park – Chanell Guillaume**

**Members- Lynn Monroe, Bob Hazelton, Maggie Hankamp**

**Meeting called to order** at 6:00 pm. Membership was welcomed by Rich Gallik at the Park Admin. Building.

**Discussion of meeting minutes** from October 10, 2019. No changes required. Motion to approve by Rita and seconded by Katrina and approved by all.

**Presidents Report:** Rich Gallik –

Rich announced to the membership present that our PSS Chanell Guillaume had received an award from Florida State Park District 3 for her Interpretive Programs and creative events for our Park including, “Let’s Talk Turtle,” the Guided Bird Walk, Historical Look at the Old Spanish Quarries, Ancient Dunes Trail Hike and the Photo Scavenger Hunt. These events have generated more interest by visitors to and residents of St Augustine in our Park and a larger membership for our Friends of Anastasia Citizens Support Organization.

Rich also attended the Annual Park Managers and CSO Meeting in Tampa, November 6-7, 2019. He presented a power point discussion on creating fundraisers with community partners, noting our successful partnership with Don’s Friends for our annual Endless Summer 10 and 5k Run.

The Florida State Parks will be celebrating their 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2020. Each Park will have special events during the month of their founding. Since Anastasia State Park was created in March we may highlight Earth Day Events, hiking, birding and include a Birthday Party with our Community.

The Board voted to add the Amp and Old City Web Services as Corporate Sponsors of the Park. Their logos will be added to our website.

Our Membership Chairman Dennis Salvati has indicated he must step down from his duties due to medical issues. He has worked tirelessly at this position for many, many years and we thank him for his years of dedication to the job. Now we must move forward and find a new program or format to simplify the process. Several members have indicated an interest in working on it. Bob Hazelton mentioned he has experience setting up software programs.

## **Anastasia State Park: Chanell Guillaume**

Once again Florida State Parks have won the National Park Service Award for excellence. This is our Fourth time as #1. The Park provides an exceptional outdoor recreational experience.

Chanell handed out her list of programs for November. New this month will be a Dolphin Walk presented by Marineland Dolphin Adventure educators on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Chanell was selected to give a presentation to the Florida Parks Foundation at their Board Meeting earlier this year. Her topic was a History of the Park Service. Since 1871 lands have been established for public recreation, an idea helped along by the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs in 1915 and, during the Depression in 1933, when the Civilian Conservation Corps was established as a public relief program to support unemployed men. New forests and improved lands were created. Further land acquisition followed. In 1993 the Department of Environmental Protection was born. To date 175 Florida State Parks have been created. She presented a shortened version for us during our meeting. Beautiful.

A discussion of online training followed, Forms were handed out.

**Financial Report:** Katrina reported a balance of \$67,557.74 in our bank account.

**Membership Report:** None available at this time. But Dennis and his wife have been importing our membership data from Yahoo to Excel to facilitate transfer to a new program. He will provide a membership report at a later time.

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

Sponsorships for the 2019 Adopt-a Nest program and sticker sales were profitable.

Turtle Adoptions yielded a net profit of \$2000.00

Turtle Sticker Sales \$2700.00 net.

There will be a new turtle design for 2020 stickers. The Board approved the purchase of 3000 new stickers with the new design, a cost of \$1150.00.

### **Endless Summer Run – 2020 Date is September 12th –**

**Cleanup:** November 23<sup>rd</sup> Beach Clean-up.

Meet at 9am in front of Island Beach Grill. Bring gloves if you have them.

**Web Site/Facebook:** Cecile and her staff have been redesigning our website. 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.

We will be making a sign to place on our new golf cart to recognize Nissan St Augustine's donation for its purchase as well as Friends of Anastasia's contribution. Both logos will be incorporated into the design of the sign. We will be having a photo taken to add to our webpage.

**Our next meeting will be The Annual Meeting in January 2020 (we are working on the date).**

**Friends will not meet in December.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.