



Friends of Anastasia Friends – Thursday February 11, 2021 – ZOOM Meeting

President: Rich Gallik – Present

Vice President: Rita Roberts – Absent

Secretary: Louise Gallik – Present

Treasurer: Katrina Denny –Present

Board Members - Present – Kevin Monroe, Cecile Nusbaum, Beth McCoy

Board Members (absent) - Nico Recore, Bob Hazelton

Anastasia State Park – Mary Mazyck

Members-

Thank you Cecile for setting up this Zoom meeting.

Meeting was called to order at 6 PM.

Mission Statement: To generate supplemental resources which will provide increased recreational opportunities and further enhance protection of the natural and cultural resources of Anastasia State Park.

The January 14, 2021 Minutes were approved.

President's comments-

- a. Welcome all**
- b. Rich and Mary have been working on annual paperwork required by the Park Headquarters.**
- c. Andris Duffy was unanimously approved by the Board to join as our new board member. She has previous experience as a past president for a number of years at Ravine Gardens in Palatka. She has a special interest in helping with our Endless Summer Run.**
- d. PSS David Jones has reported that the Master Gardeners continue to work on their Brazilian Pepper Tree/ Invasive Plant Project. It has been a massive undertaking as the plants reseed readily and crowd out native vegetation. It was suggested that Friends of Anastasia buy them several battery powered reciprocating saws to assist with the removal. A motion was put forward and approved to budget \$250.00 for saws as well as extra battery packs.**

Anastasia State Park Report – Mary Mazyck

- a. Mary reports that the State Parks are having a record year with folks wanting to spend time outdoors and in a safe environment. Anastasia State Park has been in the Top 10 for attendance in the State Park system.**
- b. Work continues on a trail from Sea Turtle Pavilion /Playground to the Borrow Pit where a fishing platform will be built by the Rangers.**
- c. The AmeriCorps volunteers have been helpful with many projects at the Park and we will have a group from the organization working at the Park this year.**
- d. A Bird Walk has been scheduled for February 14, 2021 you may register on Eventbrite. The Event is limited to 10 people.**
- e. The AMP will be restarting concerts on a smaller scale so we hope to receive fees from parking in the near future. Mark reported that the Billy Strings will be donating \$1.00 from each ticket sold to his March 19-21 Concert to Friends of Anastasia State Park.**

Financial Report - Katrina. Financials have been sent to the Board. On 1/31/2021 our checking account balance was \$32,488. Our 2021 budget was presented and approved by the Board. The 2021 budget is now on our website. 2020 Taxes are being prepared with the help of Beth Brier CPA a Friends member.

Membership Report – Bob – Working on membership and transfer of information. New Spreadsheets reorganized so volunteers can input information easily. We currently have 3 Corporate Members – 23 Life Members and 188 Regular members {214 total}. Rich mentioned that later in the year we will have a space at the Saturday Farmers Market to sell Friends Memberships.

Endless Summer Run – September 11, 2021 – Dons Friend has opened registration on their website. We have 40 runners signed up.

Adopt–A–Nest 2021 – the Sea Turtle Season starts in May and runs through October. We have one family that has adopted a nest. Rich working with Ranger David Jones will be contacting membership looking for volunteer help for this year’s program.

Beach Cleanup - Rita Roberts – As reported last month, Mary has a group of high school seniors have asked to volunteer and help clean our beach. For now we do not have any clean-ups planned until we are allowed to have more than 10 people attend the cleanup event.

Web Site/Facebook -Cecile. Thanks to Cecile and her company with the new website.

The Board approved spending \$100.00 for the SSL Certificate for the new Website. This will be managed by Old City Web Services (normal cost \$175.00). Old City Web Services will send an invoice to Friends.

New Business:

- 1. Annual Meeting needs to be scheduled - Spring or Summer 2021 (date to be determined).**
- 2. Rich has 2020 ESR shirts for the Board - contact Rich for pickup info.**

Our next meeting will be March 11, 2021 Board Meeting – another ZOOM Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.