



Friends of Anastasia Meeting – Thursday January 13, 2022 – Meeting at Watersports Pavilion- 6pm

President: Rich Gallik – Present

Vice President: Position Open

Secretary: Louise Gallik – Present

Treasurer: Katrina Denny – Absent

Board Members - Present – Andris Duffy, Cecile Nusbaum

Board Members (absent) - Nico Recore, Kevin Monroe, Beth McCoy, Maureen Long

Anastasia State Park – Michael Watkins

Members- Mary Boutte, Bridget Blake, Margaret Hankamp, Laureen Gilmore, Zila Wapinski

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 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.

We did not have a quorum – will approve the October 14, 2021 Minutes at another meeting.

President’s comments-

- a. Welcome all to our January Meeting the first of the 2022 season. Thank you for attending and learning about our organization. We truly appreciate our volunteers and the many talents they bring to our organization.**

Andris Duffy introduced Michael Watkins our new Park Manager. Michael previously was Park Manager at Blue Springs State Park and has 10 years’ experience with the Florida State Parks.

Andris reviewed the 1st Day Park Hike & CSO Beach Cleanup – Our Beach Cleanup January 1st was well attended. Future plans include coverage along all 4 miles of beach as well as “the inlet” where trash tends to accumulate.

There was a discussion about ways to keep volunteers better informed whether through bulletin boards or kiosks at the Ranger Station and Park Grill.

Financial Report – Katrina sent December financials to the Board. Our total balance this month is \$53,215.00. Thank you to Katrina for all you do.

Membership Report – Our current Friends Membership is 186. With 32 Life Members, 3 Corporate Members and 151 regular members. We removed 28 people whose membership was expired.

Endless Summer Run November 19, 2022 – The event has been moved to November permanently. It will no longer will be held in September.

Adopt–A–Nest 2022 – the Sea Turtle Adopt-a Nest Program is being reorganized. The program will include more educational and community outreach.

Turtle Sticker sales have been very popular. We have a new design for our third year of sales. These are sold at the Beach Store and Ranger Station.

The JJ Grey’s Blackwater Sol Revue is scheduled for March 11 & 12 at the Amp in partnership with Friends of Anastasia State Park. All 139 campsites will be reserved for concert attendees. The Band will be donating \$1.00 from each ticket to Friends but asks that these profits be used for community benefit. Not all performances have been announced. Our Beach parking lot will be the site of some concerts and hopefully we will have a booth supporting the Park with educational materials as well as membership benefits.

The Fort Mose Historic State Park is hosting the inaugural Fort Mose Jazz & Blues Series February 18 through 26. Count Basie Orchestra, Trombone Shorty, Gregory Porter are some of the artists performing. This will be a great opportunity for the community to learn about the Park history and its culture.

Web Site/Facebook -Cecile. Thanks to Cecile and her company for the new website. We will be renewing our SSL in January.

Please remember to attend the 13th Annual St Augustine Film Festival January 20-23. More than 50 independent films will be presented.

New Business:

- 1. Annual Meeting needs to be scheduled - (date to be determined). Probably in 2022.**
- 2. Next meeting February 10, 2022. Location to be announced.**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.