



Friends of Anastasia Meeting – Thursday February 10, 2022 – Meeting at Watersports Pavilion- 6pm

President: Rich Gallik – Present

Vice President: Position Open

Secretary: Louise Gallik – Present

Treasurer: Katrina Denny – Present

Board Members - Present – Andris Duffy, Cecile Nusbaum, Maureen Long

Board Members (absent) - Nico Recore, Beth McCoy,

Anastasia State Park – Michael Watkins

Members- Bridget Blake, Kent & Pat Smith, Scott Stanley, Jack Stanley, Susanna Russell, Barbara Olsen, Richard Greco

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.

Minutes from October 14, 2021 and January 13, 2022 were approved.

President’s comments-

- a. Welcome all to our February Meeting. Thank you for attending and learning about our organization. We had a brief introduction of attending members and board members. We learned that Kevin Monroe and Bob Hazelton had resigned from the Board due to relocation to other parts of Florida. Seats are now open for new Board members.**

Andris reviewed the 1st Day Park Hike & CSO Beach Cleanup Worksheets as well as those to organize the Kids Ocean Day held in April. These sheets should help with more accurate planning and ease of completion.

Andris has agreed to be our new Vice President!

Our new Park Manager Michael Watkins was introduced. He is working to familiarize himself with Anastasia State Park as well as to hire two new PSS (Park Service Specialists) to replace Mary Mazyck who was our Friends' liaison and David Jones.

In planning for this year's projects to improve the Park Michael would like Friends help with:

Golf cart repairs

Upgrade to electric and water at Camp Host sites

Landscaping at Ranger Station

Volunteer Village leveling/fill

These projects will be added to our 2022 budget.

Financial Report – Katrina sent January financials to the Board. Our total balance this month is \$52,752.40. Thank you to Katrina for all you do.

We are currently working on 2021 Taxes with accountant.

Anastasia State Park also had a District 3 CSO Review which evaluates the Friends' methods of operation and overall performance.

Membership Report – Our current Friends Membership is 193. With 33 Life Members, 3 Corporate Members and 157 regular members.

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. Andris Duffy and Bridget Blake are improving the concept and hope to incorporate a new name to further explain its purpose. Bridget was asked to join our Board and was unanimously approved.

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 have been 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 and Friends 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 when the old one expires.

New Business:

- 1. Annual Meeting needs to be scheduled - (date to be determined). April 2022?**
- 2. Kids Ocean Day- April 22, 2022 with A1A Scenic Highway at Hilltop Picnic Area.**
- 3. Suggestions for a Friends tee or polo shirt. Also new name tags.**
- 4. Next meeting March 10, 2022. Location to be announced.**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.