



Friends of Anastasia Meeting – Thursday March 10, 2022 – Meeting at Island Beach Grill Pavilion- 6pm

President: Rich Gallik – Present

Vice President: Andris Duffy – Present

Secretary: Louise Gallik – Present

Treasurer: Katrina Denny – Absent

Board Members - Present – Maureen Long, Beth McCoy

Board Members (absent) - Nico Recore, Bridget Blake, Cecile Nusbaum

Anastasia State Park –

Members- Laurie Gilmore, Mary Boutte

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 February 10, 2022 will be approved at the next meeting.

President’s comments-

a. Our first order of business is to discuss the JJ Grey Blackwater Sol Revue which is this weekend March 11& 12, 2022 with main concerts at the Amp and smaller bands which will be playing on a stage in the beach parking lot at the State Park. Friends Volunteers will have a booth both at the Amp and at the State Park Stage to introduce concert goers to our organization and the benefits of membership. Also our turtle stickers will be sold. Names of our volunteers have been given to Amp staff so they may enter past the Gate.

b. On Sunday there will be a Parking Lot Cleanup and on Monday a Campground Cleanup. Thank you to all that have volunteered.

Our Park Manager Michael Watkins is working to hire two new PSS (Park Service Specialists) to replace Mary Mazyck who was our Friends’ liaison and David Jones our resource management specialist.

Financial Report – Katrina sent February financials to the Board. Our total balance this month was \$58,093.00 minus expenses which will bring the total down to approx. \$32,000. We will be receiving a check from the Amp from the JJ Grey Concert to help improve our balance. 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 199. With 33 Life Members, 3 Corporate Members and 163 regular members.

We now have a QR Code to help facilitate membership sign-ups.

Endless Summer Run November 19, 2022 – Registration sign-ups for the Run have been opened. We have 80 runners signed up so far.

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. Andris asked for volunteers to take visitors on beach walks.

Andris reminded volunteers they need to fill out paperwork for a background check, sign a volunteer agreement and complete other various paperwork.

We will need volunteers for Kids Ocean Day which is April 22, 2022 in conjunction with A1A Scenic Highway. Around 150 children will spend time learning about the ocean, vegetation and sea life. A light lunch will be served.

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.

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

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.**
- 4. Next meeting April 14, 2022. Location to be announced.**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.