



Friends of Anastasia Meeting – Thursday June 9, 2022 – Meeting at Sea Turtle Pavilion- 6pm

President: Rich Gallik – Present

Vice President: Andris Duffy – Present

Secretary: Louise Gallik – Present

Treasurer: Katrina Denny – Present

Board Members - Present –Maureen Long, Mary Boutte

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

Anastasia State Park – Michael Watkins, Maggie Boselowitz, Michelle Schenk

Members- Robert Edwards, Irene Bergeson, Scott Navin, Ann Sokol, Jackie Rudy, Matthew Denny

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 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 have a quorum. Minutes from May 12, 2022 were approved.

President’s comments-

- a. Thank you to all who attend our meetings. We appreciate your help as well as your ideas.**
- b. The Florida State Parks Foundation has notified us that they will no longer carry insurance for CSOs, general liability for Directors and Officers. Our policy expires August 1, 2022. We are working on finding new policy coverage.**
- c. We have received/ deposited our check from the JJ Grey Concert. Plus a donation from the Billy Strings event. The donation from JJ Grey will be used to repair/ replace the damaged playground equipment at the Sea Turtle Pavilion and make it more ADA compliant. We will research the most salt/ sand resistant materials to build a structure that is more resistant to beach weather.**

- d. A landscape project funded by Friends has been completed. More native greenery to enhance landscape by the Ranger Station and Administration Building. Great planting job by the Rangers.
- e. Our 2022 Legislative Report has been filed with Tallahassee. This report helps clarify our goals for the Park.

This was an informal meet and greet to share ideas and learn more about the Park. We enjoyed baked goods and finger foods supplied by members and the Friends organization.

Our Park Manager Michael Watkins and our PSS (Park Service Specialist) Michelle Schenck (our Friends' liaison and camp host manager) as well as Maggie Boselowitz (our natural resource PSS) attended tonight's meeting. Michelle is formulating an all-inclusive volunteer list for the very busy summer season at the Park to utilize the many talents of our volunteers. Maggie shared information about our turtle nest population which is currently at 27 nests and discussed our Least Tern colony. Bird counts are done weekly. She also shared photos of our least terns and Wilsons Plovers taken by Christine Finland.

Michael announced there are openings for Ranger positions at the Park. We will also need volunteer assistance throughout the busy summer season as the Park has seen an incredible surge in attendance. Once the new Volunteer Website announcing volunteer opportunities is complete we urge all Friends to sign up for the jobs available.

Financial Report – Katrina sent May financials to the Board. Our total balance is over \$76,000.00. Thank you to Katrina for all you do.

Membership Report – Maureen reports our current Friends Membership is 216. With 36 Life Members, 4 Corporate Members and 176 regular members.

We will have a table at the Saturday Pier Market on June 25th to encourage new Friends Memberships and provide information about Anastasia State Park. Volunteers needed. Please contact Rich if you can help. 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. A Virtual Run is also available.

Turtle Nest Program 2022 – the Sea Turtle Program has been reorganized. The program will include more educational and community outreach. The new website is now operational. It was suggested a Facebook Page should also be created to further educate the public. Also there is a need for Corporate Sponsors.

This year many Turtle Nest Program adoptions have been for gifts (Father's Day, birthdays, etc.). What a great idea!

Please remember to sign a volunteer agreement and complete other various paperwork posted online. Logging in your volunteer hours is very important for Tallahassee to know the amount of extra hours required to maintain the Park. Contact PSS Michelle if you need assistance.

Turtle Stickers continue to sell well. 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).**
- 2. Suggestions for a Friends tee or polo shirt.**
- 3. Next meeting July 14, 2022. Location to be announced.**
- 4. Saturday Market Friends Booth June 25th. Need volunteers.**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.