



## **Friends of Anastasia Meeting – Thursday September 8, 2022 – Meeting at Water Sports classroom at 6pm**

**President: Rich Gallik – Present**

**Vice President: Andris Duffy – Absent**

**Secretary: Louise Gallik – Absent**

**Treasurer: Katrina Denny – Present**

**Board Members - Present –Maureen Long, Beth McCoy**

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

**Anastasia State Park – Michael Watkins, Michelle Schenk**

**Members- Ann Sokol, Jackie Rudy, Laurie Gilmore, Jon and Andrea DePreter, Dale Ratermann, Lana Bandy, Cathie Foer, Theresa and Kiet Nguyan, Robert Edwards,**

**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 do not have a quorum. Minutes from August 11<sup>th</sup> meeting will be approved later.**

### **President’s comments-**

- a. Thank you to all who attend our meetings. We appreciate your help as well as your ideas.**
- b. Friends purchased fill dirt for the park Check #2068 \$1,600.00 from Clarkson Land Cleaning & Fill Dirt.**
- c. Check # 2069 \_ \$68.53 for a Camp Host appreciation lunch**
- d. We deposited \$6,817.50 (on 8.15.22) from The Amp – Billy String Concert ticket sales.**
- e. Friends and The Park will have a “Thank you” dinner on September 9<sup>th</sup> for our Bird Steward Volunteers who help during the recent bird nest season. Friends will be paying for a pizza dinner.**

- f. We completed the changes to our Friends Membership card terms. We have added “Member must be present - Entry good for one vehicle (up to 8 people including cardholder). Does not include camping or other fees.” This new information is on our Website and on the Friends Membership Trifold Boucher. We had labels printed which will be placed on the back of our Membership Card.**
- g. We have been asked to participate in next years’ Lullaby of the Rivers Music Festival which will be held April 22 and 23, 2023. Friends will have a table with information about our resources and programs. This event is hosted by Bob Patterson and Bob Ganley and will be held in Vilano Beach.**
- h. A Ravine Gardens State Park Spooktacular will be held October 29, 2022 from 6 to 9 pm. There will be a Haunted House, Games and Food Vendors. Volunteers needed. We have a “helpers form” where volunteers can sign up to assist at this event.**
- i. Friends has ordered Camp Host and Ranger t-shirts to substitute for those we can no longer procure through our regular vendor.**

**Park Manager Michael Watkins and our PSS (Park Service Specialist) Michelle Schenck (our Friends’ liaison and camp host manager) attended tonight’s meeting.**

**Michael is still getting quotes to replace the damaged playground equipment at the Sea Turtle Pavilion. The new ADA compliant equipment will be down-sized due to budget constraints and volunteers will be utilized to help remove the old structure and prepare grounds for a new weather resistant structure. We may apply for a grant to help finance the new playground and/or have a fundraiser.**

**The Park is trying to hire two full time Rangers positions and two part-time Ranger positions (24 hours per week @ \$15.00 per hour). If you know anybody that is interested have them contact Michael.**

**Michelle reminded us to post our volunteer hours. Also continue to renew training.**

**Financial Report – Katrina sent August financials to the Board. Our total balance is over \$86,000.00. Thank you to Katrina for all you do.**

**Membership Report – Maureen reports our current Friends Membership continues to grow. Our current Friends membership is 166. {103 active members + 36 Lifetime + 2 Corp + 1 nonprofit + 24 who joined our 2022 Adopt a Nest program and received a Friends Membership Card}. We removed the members who had expired memberships in 2021. This 166 number reflects the removal of expired members.**

**We will have a table at the Saturday Pier Market on September 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Endless Summer Run November 19, 2022 – Registration sign-ups for the 5K and 10K Run have been opened. A Virtual Run is also available. Letters will be created asking for sponsorships and for Silent Auction donations. If you can help please contact Rich.**

**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. Next meeting October 13, 2022. Location to be announced.**

**Meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.**