



## **Friends of Anastasia Meeting – Thursday October 13, 2022 – Meeting at Sea Turtle Pavilion at 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**

**Anastasia State Park – Michael Watkins**

**Members- Ann Sokol, Jackie Rudy, Robert Edwards, Dana Harrison, Cathie Foriek**

**Meeting was called to order at 6:10 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 August and September were approved.**

**President's comments-**

- a. Thank you to all who helped at our Friends table at the National Night Out event on October 4. We enjoyed an exciting evening with the First Responders.**
- b. We thanked our Bird Stewards for the job they do protecting our native shore birds during bird nest season and educating the public about them on September 9 by serving dinner from Anthony's Pizza. Our PSS Maggie Boselowitz was hostess. Cost was \$198.50.**
- c. 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.**

**d. Andris Updated information about the Ravine Gardens State Park Spooktacular which 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. Those volunteering will meet at Andris’ house at 3pm on day of event to carpool. Friends will be donating candy for this event.**

**Carpenters needed to help build the Haunted House October 19, 20, 21.**

**e. Friends has received our order of Camp Host and Ranger t-shirts. Cost \$1466.00.**

**f. The Board approved an increase in price to \$3.00 for our stickers. Or 2 for \$5.00.**

### **Park Manager Michael Watkins**

**Michael and Rich Gallik attended a Meeting with Steve Larsen of Game Time Playground Equipment to learn more about ADA compliant structures to replace the damaged equipment at the Sea Turtle Pavilion. He suggested components which would be more interactive for children in wheelchairs. Possibly a ramp with platforms. This will increase the cost but create a true ADA playground. We will definitely apply for a grant to help finance the new playground and/or have a fundraiser. The Florida Parks Foundation will also make a donation.**

**The Park still has openings for full time and part-time Ranger (24 hours per week @ \$15.00 per hour). If you know anybody that is interested have them contact Michael.**

**Our Camp Host washer and dryer need to be replaced. We are searching for quality commercial units which will hopefully last longer. The Board will be contacted for approval.**

**Michelle has been posting a Calendar of Anastasia State Park Events online on our website**

**Financial Report – Katrina sent September financials to the Board. Our total balance is over \$87,136.00. Thank you to Katrina for all you do.**

**Membership Report – Maureen reports our current Friends Membership continues to grow. This includes our 2022 Adopt a Nest program Nesters.**

**We will have a table at the Saturday Pier Market on October 22. See you there.**

**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. Donations still needed.**

**We want to thank Caldwell Banker for their generous Sponsorship.**

**At the end of our Meeting we celebrated the birthdays of Rich Gallik and Jackie Rudy. Thank you to Ann for the cute turtle cake and to Andris for yummy cupcakes. Happy Birthday!!**

**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 November 10, 2022. Location to be announced.**
- 3. Mary Boutte announced Ancient City Kids Day on October22 at Francis Field from 11 am to 3pm. There will be games, arts and crafts and food. If you would like to help contact Mary.**

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