



Friends of Anastasia Meeting – Thursday December 8, 2022 –Meeting at Admin

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, Beth McCoy

Members- Ann Sokol, Cathy Foriek, Theresa Nguyen, Jerry Parks, 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.

Minutes from November were approved.

President’s comments-

- a. Thank you to all who volunteered for our Endless Summer Run 5/ 10k held on November 19. We had 587 runners participate at the Park and about 100 volunteers help with food preparation, logistics, water stations, packet pick-up, mug/ shirt sales and our Silent Auction. We are still collecting funds and paying invoices. The new credit card squares helped immensely in payment for on-site mug, shirt purchases as well as Silent Auction wins. We have many extra shirts, mugs leftover. Now mulling selling them at Amp Saturday Market or Park Store if allowed. Could we have a State Park Garage Sale in the spring to sell extra stock and members’ excess as a fundraiser? We will be scheduling a follow up/ recap of the Run with Jim Waldron and Tim Tooker. Will compile statistical information, note improvements we could make, photos for future runs as well as for future advertising on our website. If you have photos from the Run please share.**
- b. A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR MANAGERS and RANGERS for their help with Endless Summer Run!!!**

- c. **There will be a 2023 Park Manager and CSO Meeting in Orlando January 26 & 27. Rich and Andris will attend. Topics of interest: fund raising. Motion to approve \$500.00 for conference expenses was approved.**
- d. **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 at North Shores Community Park. More information to come.**
- e. **Michelle and Rich will be working on District paperwork.**
- f. **Our plans for the new ADA Playground at the Sea Turtle Pavilion continue to be on hold as we pursue grants and fundraisers to finance the construction. First priority will be disassembling current structure. Complete demolition. Friends of Florida will help with grant writing and we may set up a donation site online.**
- g. **We have been contacted by Deleon Springs State Park for guidance on creating a 5k Run or Walk within their Park. Much planning is necessary for a successful major event.**

Michael reports plans for April concerts: Billy Strings 4/20 through 4/22. Billy donates a percent of sales to our Friends organization.

Fort Mose will be hosting a Jazz Festival in February. Some of the featured acts are Mavis Staples on February 10, Valerie June on February 16, Gladys Knight on February 17. Check with the Amp for more details.

**Will be needing volunteers to help paint the administration offices.
The Park will be adding additional backflow service.**

Michelle has been posting a Calendar of Anastasia State Park Events online on our website. A volunteer, Jim Gleason, has been taking the public on very informative 2 mile nature walks within the Park.

We will have a First Day Hike and Beach Cleanup January 1st. Meet at Beach Grill at 8:30 am. After the Fireworks New Years' Eve at the Pier there may plenty to clean out. We have 20 new pickers and buckets for this event.

Our Earth Day event will be April 22.

Financial Report – Katrina sent November financials to the Board. Our total balance is over \$97,966.00. Many invoices from ESR still need to be paid. Thank you to Katrina for all you do.

Membership Report – Maureen reports our current Friends Membership continues to grow. We have about 142 members. This includes our 2022 Adopt a Nest program Nesters.

We will have a table at the Saturday Pier Market on December 24. Maureen and Ann have offered to volunteer. See you there.

The Friends of A1A Scenic & Historic Coastal Byways invite you to join them for the National Scenic Byway Foundation's National Membership Campaign Contest Winner Announcement Live from the Castillo de San Marcos on Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at 2pm.

Site/Facebook -Cecile. Thanks to Cecile and her company for their help with the website.

A Big Thank You to Andris and Katrina for our yummy Christmas cupcakes and brownies. Have a Happy Holiday everyone.

Business:

- 1. Annual Meeting needs to be scheduled - (date to be determined). Watersports Classroom building suffered water damage due to Nicole so is unavailable indefinitely. Maureen suggested possibly Library Meeting Room.**
- 2. Next Friends Meeting January 12, 2023.**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.