



Friends of Anastasia Meeting – Thursday March 9, 2023 – Water Sports Building

President: Rich Gallik – Present

Vice President: Andris Duffy – Present

Secretary: Louise Gallik – Present

Treasurer: Katrina Denny – Present

Board Members - Present –Maureen Long, Bridget Blake

Board Members (absent) - Cecile Nusbaum, Beth McCoy, Mary Boutte

Park – Michelle Schenk

Members- Theresa Nguyen, Jennifer Shiver, Cathie Forier, Laurie Gilmore, Dana Kotch, Max Kotch

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 2023 were approved.

President’s comments-

- a. Thank you to all who attend. We appreciate your ideas and volunteer enthusiasm. A special “thank you” to those members who volunteered to work on the ADA Playground Committee which Andris Duffy will chair. They include Ann Sokol, Rich Gallik, Maureen Long, Mary Boutte and Cathie Forier. If anyone else is interested in joining the committee please contact the Board.**
- b. Department of State- Corporate Annual Report due May 1. Complete.**
- c. IRS Taxes have been filed. We used Jill Atwood of Calhoun and Atwood. \$500.00 fee paid.**
- d. Annual Legislative Report due June 1. ** Independent Financial Audit due when we reach \$300,000 in grants and donations.**
- e. Friends Board changes: In the future Maureen will be leaving the Board and Ann Sokol will be replacing her. Nico Recore has resigned.**

- f. Amp Update- April 14 & 15 JJ Grey Concert will donate a % of the profit to Friends of Anastasia. We received \$23,000 toward our new ADA playground last year. Billy Strings Concert April 20, 21, 22 will donate \$1.00 from each ticket sold to Friends of Anastasia and another nonprofit. Last year his donation was around \$16,000. We will have a table/ booth at the concert with information about Friends of Anastasia. Maureen and Laurie have volunteered to give out information.**
- g. The AMP will now be managed as a non-profit instead of being regulated by the County giving it more flexibility. It is a very successful venue and known by performers as a GO GREEN amphitheater.**
- h. A painting project will begin at the Administration Building. Need volunteers to help paint. Project still in planning stage although colors for offices have been chosen.**
- i. Friends of Anastasia will pay \$1,000.00 for sod at two locations in the Park. This comes out of our Park Maintenance Supplies Fund.**
- j. Please remember to log-in your volunteer hours on the volunteer site.**
- k. The ADA Playground - The Board voted and approved moving forward on the purchase of new playground equipment increasing the amount to \$200,000. We are currently composing our official fundraising letter. Our preferred vendor, Game Time, has designed an ADA playground which would truly be accessible to wheelchair bound children. We hope to soon advertise for donations by QR codes on our website and by constructing a sign with photo of the new playground on site. The second meeting of the Playground Committee was held. Suggestions needed on organizations that might sponsor or donate to our new ADA Playground. Our “ASK” letter is being edited and finalized. Meetings will be the 4th Tuesday of the Month.**
- l. Our PSS Michelle mentioned she is not always able to find enough Camp Hosts to volunteer at Anastasia especially during the summer. The Rangers have to fill in taking them away from their regular duties. If you can volunteer to assist please contact her.**
- m. Our Resources PSS Maggie Boselowitz is leaving the Park. Her position is available. Thank you for the wonderful job you did.**

Financial Report – Katrina sent February financials to the Board. At present we have about \$100,300 in the Friends account after dispersals to our Endless Summer Run Race Partners Don’s Friends. We split the \$26,618.00 profit from the event. The budget for 2023 was handed out and approved by the Board. Thank you Katrina for all you do.

Membership Report – Maureen reports our current Friends Membership continues to grow. We have about 190 members. This includes our 2022 and 2023 Adopt a Nest program Nesters. A new spreadsheet has been created making it easier to track new members and remind members when to renew. A thank you to Ann Sokol.

Turtle Nest Program- Bridget is organizing for the 2023 Turtle Nest Program. Members receive updates on local turtle data as well as a tote bag, insulated water glass, membership card for 12 entries into the Park. She will post updates on Facebook relating to their activity. Turtle Nest Season has started and runs through October.

We will have a table at the Saturday Pier Market on March 25. We will be selling turtle mugs from ESR and our turtle stickers as well as past Endless Summer Run t-shirts. Volunteers needed. See you there. Remember to bring a chair.

Site/Facebook -Cecile. Thanks to Cecile and her company for creating such a professional website. Thank you for creating our QR codes.

ESR 2023 is scheduled for Saturday, November 18, 2023.

Don't forget Coffee with a Ranger scheduled for March 10th here at the Park.

Business:

- 1. Annual Meeting needs to be scheduled - (date to be determined). Watersports Classroom building had been repaired after suffering water damage due to hurricane Nicole.**
- 2. Friends of A1A Scenic Highway has scheduled Kids Ocean Day. This year it will be held in Flagler County on April 21.**
- 3. Next Friends Meeting April 13, 2023.**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.