



Friends of Anastasia Meeting – Thursday April 13, 2023 – Park Admin Building

President: Rich Gallik – Present

Vice President: Andris Duffy – Present

Secretary: Louise Gallik – Present

Treasurer: Katrina Denny – Present

Board Members - Present – Bridget Blake, Mary Boutte, Ann Sokol

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

Park – Michelle Schenk, Michael Watkins

Members- Theresa Nguyen, Cathie Forier, Maureen Long, Robert Edwards, Jessica Glenn

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 March 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 chairs. They include Ann Sokol, Rich Gallik, Maureen Long, Mary Boutte and Cathie Forier. They have spent many hours crafting a meaningful fundraising letter, large poster with graphics, website page with QR code for donations and a potential donors contact list. We even have a large thermometer to track the progress of donations. We are ready to begin asking our community for financial support for this very important project. Andris will also contact the Florida State Parks Foundation for suggestions in applying for grants.**
- b. April is Volunteer Appreciation Month. A heart felt “thank you” to those volunteers who donated over 1.1 million hours of their time to Florida State Parks in the past year.**

- c. **Annual Legislative Report due June 1. ** Independent Financial Audit due when we reach \$300,000 in grants and donations. Please remember to post your hours as this is important data for the report.**
- d. **Maureen updated us on this months' CSO Events. J J Grey Concert, April 14 & 15. Bozard Ford Health Fair, April 18. Billy Strings Concert, April 20, 21, 22. Amp Farmers Market, April 22. Lullabye of the Rivers Fest@ Vilano Beach, April 22 & 23. Each event will have an Anastasia State Park information table and will sell memberships and decals as well as sharing recreational and volunteer opportunities at the Park. Thank you to Maureen, Andris, Ann, Theresa, Laurie, Jackie, Mary, Cathy for volunteering at these events.**
- e. **Friends of Anastasia had budgeted \$1,000.00 for sod at two locations in the Park. Michael has decided the funds could be better spent on another project, not yet determined.**
- f. **Our PSS Michelle will be attending Ranger Academy this year as an assistant helping to train new Rangers. On April 7th she presented our CSO President Rich Gallik with the Adult Volunteer Award at the Volunteer Recognition and Division Awards Ceremony Luncheon at Washington Oaks Gardens State Park. She also reports that her monthly State Park activities List has a QR code with direct access to the Park and our donation site.**
- g. **Our Resources PSS Maggie Boselowitz has resigned from her position at the Park. Her position is now available.**
- h. **Andris announced this is Ravine Gardens State Park's 90th Anniversary. Their goal is to reach a membership total of 90. Please help them reach their goal. Membership is \$10.00.**

Financial Report – Katrina sent March financials to the Board. The budget for 2023 is on our Website. Thank you Katrina for all you do.

Membership Report – Maureen reports our current Friends Membership continues to grow. We have about 205 members with 43 Life Members. A thank you to Maureen and Ann Sokol.

Turtle Nest Program- Bridget: Turtle Nest Season has begun. Please join our 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 runs through October.

We will have a table at the Saturday Pier Market on April 22. We will be selling turtle mugs from ESR and our turtle stickers as well as past Endless Summer Run t-shirts for \$20.00. See you there. Remember to bring a chair. Come see our beautiful new tablecloth with colors of the 2023 ESR turtle.

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. We have a new colorful turtle logo. Andris will again be crafting a beautiful turtle quilt for our Silent Auction.

Business:

- 1. Annual Meeting still needs to be scheduled - (date to be determined). Watersports Classroom building had been repaired after suffering water damage due to hurricane Nicole.**
- 2. Next Friends Meeting May 11, 2023.**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.