



## **Friends of Anastasia Meeting – Thursday May 11, 2023 – Park Admin Building**

**President: Rich Gallik – Present**

**Secretary: Louise Gallik – Present**

**Vice President: Andris Duffy & Treasurer: Katrina Denny – absent**

**Board Members - Present – Ann Sokol**

**Board Members (absent) - Cecile Nusbaum, Bridget Blake, Mary Boutte, Beth McCoy  
Park – Michael Watkins**

**Members- Theresa Nguyen, Maureen Long, Robert Edwards, Jessica Glenn, Paul Dixon, Jackie Rudy**

**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 April 2023 no quorum - not 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. Our website page with QR code for donations is up and running. The committee has created information packets to leave with potential donors explaining our plans and goals for this special playground. Sixteen businesses have been contacted and several have already sent in donations. We appreciate the financial support of our community for this very important project. Andris will also contact the Florida State Parks Foundation for suggestions in applying for grants.**

- b. Annual Legislative Report due June 1. \*\* The Report, listing our accomplishments, future plans, assets, code of ethics, has already been sent to District. Please remember to post your hours as this is important data for the report.**
- c. 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 had an Anastasia State Park information table and sold memberships, decals and ESR shirts as well as shared information about our new ADA Playground Project at Anastasia State Park. We are thankful for the many donations for the playground that were received. Thank you to Maureen, Andris, Ann, Theresa, Laurie, Jackie, Mary, Cathy for volunteering at these events. We have also been invited to attend The River Expo, presented by Lullaby of the Rivers, to be held May 21, 2023 at the Amp on the Front Porch, noon to 6pm, featuring Music, Dancing and Raffles.**
- d. Michael reports the Park is getting ready for the extremely busy summer season. He has been busy conducting PSS interviews, preparing for the beach renourishment project in August (Turtle nests that have not hatched will have to be relocated), Fort Mose will soon be having the groundbreaking for the replica of the old fort.**
- e. Our PSS Michelle attended Ranger Academy this year as an assistant helping to train new Rangers. She also reports that her monthly State Park activities List has a QR code with direct access to the Park and our donation site.**
- f.**

**Financial Report – Katrina sent April financials to the Board. We have approximately \$102, 250.00 in our account. 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 219 members. 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 May 27. We will be selling turtle mugs from ESR and our turtle stickers as well as past Endless Summer Run t-shirts for \$10.00. We will also be talking about our new ADA Playground Project. 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. Sign-ups have begun. You may access Don's Friends website for information. Jim and Renee have been busy organizing the event as well as lining up sponsors. 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).**
- 2. Next Friends Meeting June 8, 2023.**

**Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.**