



**Friends of Anastasia General and Annual Meeting – Thursday April 9, 2026 – 6pm
Water Sports Pavilion**

President: Rich Gallik – Present

Secretary: Louise Gallik – Present

Vice President: Mary Boutte - Present

Treasurer: Katrina Denny – Present

Board Members - Present – Andris Duffy, Theresa Nguyen, Cathie Forier, Ann Sokol

Board Members (absent) – Bridget Kurland, Jessica Glenn

Park – Michelle Schenck, Michael Watkins

Membership- Robert Edwards, Cindy Wasserbauer

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. To provide an environment which benefits our community and all visitors.

We approved the March 12th Meeting Minutes as posted on our Website.

President’s comments-

Thank you to all who attend our Monthly Board Meetings. We appreciate your ideas and volunteer enthusiasm. We have an information table monthly at the Amp Saturday Market on the 4th Saturday of the month and at other events throughout the year. Our volunteers share information about FOA membership, monthly nature hikes, bird walks, our goals to enhance the Park and the cultural and natural resources of Anastasia State Park.

Thank you to Michelle Schenck. We submitted the 2026 Florida State Division of Corporation Annual Report.

PARK UPDATE:

A big thank you to those who volunteered at the Billy Strings Concerts for three nights, at the Amp Night Market and the Amp Saturday Market. We were also represented at the Bozard Ford Health Fair.

Sign-up sheets were passed around for activities this month, Kids Ocean Day April 17, Arbor Day at St Augustine Beach City Hall April 17, Goose Concerts and fun Run April 18 & 19. The J J Grey Concert will be in May.

The ADA Beach Sand Cruiser Wheelchair unanimously approved at the February Meeting has been ordered.

The Bat Box approved in February has been installed for the Bat Program. Amber purchased some lumber for \$152.00 to complete the project . Other expenses were foods and drinks for Camp Host Luncheon and Rich's Budget Meeting. Also a new Amp Market donation box from Amazon was purchased for \$39.99. Friends spent \$500.00 for our 2025 tax preparation by Calhoun & Atwood CPA. See bank statement for details.

The Board Members were unanimously approved by the membership.

Michael and Michelle report that Cape Leisure, the group that operates our Camp Store and Kayak Rentals, have purchased 6 tiny homes to use for Glamping in the Campgrounds. Reservations are available later this month.

Ft Mose is celebrating the First Anniversary of its Fort Replication on May 8, 2026.

Our new water fountain will be installed near the Sea Turtle Pavilion. We will need to provide a permit for a new water line.

Michelle would like an updated Marsh Trail kiosk outlining the trail, a map and birds and wildlife you might see along the way.

Andris has been hard at work compiling information for new volunteers. This would include opportunities for volunteering and provide an Activity List, Project List and Calendar. This would also include Bruce's Invasive Species Plan.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Katrina reports on March 31, 2026 we had \$124,406.75 in our Friends account. We approved the March Financials as submitted to the Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **Playground: THANKS TO ALL – The ADA Playground fund is still at \$47,217.46 (We keep track of funds spent on a spreadsheet – no additional charges since August).**
- b. **Membership Report: 199 (Regular 134, Life 62, Corp & Nonprofit 3) – Thank you Ann for doing membership!**
- c. **Volunteers: Thank you to all volunteers.**
- d. **Endless Summer Run: scheduled for November 21, 2026. This year the Run will be entirely on the sand.**
- e. **Turtle Program 2025: - Bridget- Turtle Season is about to begin.**
- f. **Dream Circle: Michael and Brandon have approved tentative plans for firepit area with bench seating near ADA Playground. Pre-made benches would cost \$400.00 each. Andris' original design would call for two tiers of seating of approximately 7 sections plus room for wheelchairs. Andris, Mary and Cathy will form a committee to manage and research project.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Amp Market Saturday April 24th 8 – 12:30

Goose Concert April 18,19 * * 5-K Run in conjunction with concert

JJ Grey Concert May 16

Arbor Day at St Augustine Beach City Hall- April 17th.

Kids Ocean Day April 17th- 8-2pm more information coming. Will need volunteers.

NEXT MEETING – May 14, 2026, 6pm. Watersports Classroom

OTHER BUSINESS:

Volunteer Luncheon April 29

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm