



Friends of Anastasia General Meeting – Thursday May 14, 2026 – 6pm Water Sports Pavilion

President: Rich Gallik – Present

Secretary: Louise Gallik – Present

Vice President: Mary Boutte - Absent

Treasurer: Katrina Denny – Absent

Board Members - Present – Andris Duffy, Theresa Nguyen, Cathie Forier, Bridget Kurland

Board Members (absent) – Jessica Glenn, Ann Sokol

Membership- Robert Edwards, Cindy Wasserbauer, Liza & Mark Templeton, Karen & Nick Janszen

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 April 9th Meeting Minutes as posted on our Website.

President's comments-

The ADA Beach Sand Cruiser Wheelchair unanimously approved at the February Meeting has been received at the Park at a cost of \$3,665.06.

Our new water fountain has been installed near the Sea Turtle Pavilion and ADA Playground (Cost \$2,160.73.)

An official statement of Friends of Anastasia State Park was sent to Administration stating that the ADA Playground was given to the Park at a value of \$231,138.33 so it can be included as an asset of the Park.

Andris has been hard at work compiling information for new volunteers. Thank you Andris. She would like them to be more aware of activities and projects needing assistance.

We received a \$200.00 donation from Progressive Insurance.

Karen Janszen has volunteered to solicit donations of gently used golfcarts and UTV's from dealerships and businesses. We would like to acquire a 6 passenger vehicle.

Brandon is also researching new golfcarts as our seaside weather makes frequent repairs necessary.

Endless Summer Run is now open for Registration Online. At www.DonsFRIEND.com. Bags and medals have already been ordered. A beautiful new design featuring a large turtle will be prominently displayed on the shirts.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Katrina reports on April 30, 2026 we had \$124,416.45 in our Friends account. We approved the April Financials as submitted to the Board. We received \$8,000.00 in May from THE Goose Concert Western Sun Foundation).

NOTE: NEED TO MAKE SURE KATRINA IS SENT (VIA EMAIL) COPIES OF ALL RECEIPTS WHEN ITEMS ARE PURCHASED ON OUR FRIENDS DEBIT CARDS.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **Playground: THANKS TO ALL – The ADA Playground fund is still at \$45,056.73 (We keep track of funds spent on a spreadsheet – in April we spent \$2,160.73 for permits, supplies and material to install the water fountain at Sea Turtle Playground.)**
- b. **Membership Report: 198 (Regular 132, Life 63, Corp & Nonprofit 3) – Thank you Ann for doing membership!**
- c. **Volunteers: Thank you to all volunteers. We represented The State Park at the Goose Concerts for two nights April 18 & 19 as well as helped with the Goose 5k Run Sunday morning.**
- d. **Endless Summer Run - scheduled for November 21, 2026. It will be entirely on the sand this year**
- e. **Turtle Program 2025: - Bridget- Turtle Season has begun.**
- f. **Gopher Tortoise Circle: Michael and Brandon have approved tentative plans for firepit area with bench seating near ADA Playground. Pre-made composite benches**

would cost \$400.00 each. Andris' original design would call for two tiers of seating of approximately 7 sections plus room for wheelchairs.

NEW BUSINESS:

Amp Market Saturday May 23rd 8 – 12:30

Lullabye of the Rivers May 31 10-5pm

National Night Out Oct 6

NEXT MEETING – June 11th, 2026, 6pm. Watersports Classroom

OTHER BUSINESS:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm