



Friends of Anastasia General Meeting – Thursday September 10, 2026 – 6pm Water Sports Classroom

President: Rich Gallik – Present

Secretary: Louise Gallik – Present

Vice President: Mary Boutte - Present

Treasurer: Katrina Denny – Absent

Board Members - Present – Theresa Nguyen, Cathie Forier, Jessica Glenn, Ann Sokol

Board Members (absent) – Bridget Kurland

Membership- Cindy Wasserbauer, Karen Janszen, Roger Swift, Robert Ardelegn, David Panken, Robert Edwards, Paul Dixon, Barbara Olsen, Aida Contreras, Linda Inglem

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 August Meeting Minutes as posted on our Website.

President's comments-

Thank you to everyone attending our Meetings.

1. Rich's Comments:

1.1 Thank you for attending and thanks to all of our volunteers

1.2 If Members have expenses that should be covered by Friends, please contact me to review and receive permission to make the purchase which will be reimbursed.

- 1.3 We purchased two Polaris units, one 6 seat, one 4 seat at \$35,000.00 total. – Officially given to the Park in August (photos are coming). Thank you to Karen & Bruce for finding these at St Johns Power Sports in Palatka.
- 1.4 We received the Amp funds for Billy Strings and JJ Grey Concerts \$16,766 total. A \$500.00 gift from Kelly Phelan at La Casa Studios 33 King St, St. Augustine for a fund raiser they had for Friends.
- 1.5 Sept 9th FSPF Webinar – We discussed Volunteer Awards, FSPF 2027 Park Impact Grants, CSO Annual Program Plan (when we develop our “want” list the Board will attend with Michael and our new PSS), Year-end Communications. (Rich emailed info to Board.)
- 1.6 Park Photo contest November 1, 2026

Need to make sure Katrina gets purchase & deposit information

V P Mary suggested we create an email address where receipts can be sent to Katrina.

2. Park Update: Michael There was a discussion about the broken gate lock from Menendez Park and San Jose Forest subdivisions into Anastasia State Park. This entrance has been closed while awaiting repair parts. Menendez Park Association has offered to pay for the repair. Michael and Association President Paul Dixon will discuss.

There will be a crew clearing out all of the Brazilian Pepper trees on the north end of the beach. These invasive trees have become a recurring problem.

The Florida State Park Foundation has purchased 75 e-bikes for State Park use.

The October 2026 Northeast Florida Directors Meeting will be held in St Augustine.

3. Financial Report – Thank you Katrina – On 8/10/2026 our Balance was \$127,068.00. Katrina was not able to attend September meeting or give us an update on bank total.

4. Committee Reports:

- 4.1 Playground: THANKS TO ALL – The ADA Playground fund is at \$37,806.83. We are keeping track of funds spent on a spreadsheet – July 2026 – Southern Horticulture plants \$5,254.90 and Install Labor at \$1,995.00 – spent \$7,249.90 total. Need to have a “work party to weed the flower beds”. Suggest October when it’s a bit cooler. Friends to provide food and refreshments.

- 4.2 Membership Report: 203 (Regular 136, Life 64, Corp & Nonprofit 3) – Thank you Ann for doing membership!
- 4.3 Volunteers: Thank you to all volunteers. Our 4th Saturday of the month Amp Market info table continues to share insights about the Park and its activities. There will also be Night Markets September 15 and in December.
- 4.4 Turtle Program 2026: - We had 134 nests this year.
- 4.5 Endless Summer Run – November 21, 2026 --- START AT 8:15 AM – Sign-ups on Dons is open. www.donsfriend.com. 10K \$50.00 --- 5K \$42.00 --- 0.0 \$22.00
- 5. New Business – Sept 15 AMP NIGHT MARKET 5 – 9 PM
Sat - Amp Market Saturday September 26 _ 8 – 12:30
Tuesday Oct 6 National Night Out _5-8 PM (set up at 3 PM two tables) ST Augustine Beach Pier Park
Saturday Oct 24 Ancient City Kids Day Francis Field _11-3 pm____
Sat – Amp Market October 24th _8-12:30
- 6. Other Business – Donations for ESR silent auction. (Letters and information we have used in the past sent to Board). If you need printed copies, please contact Rich.
- 7. Next meeting - we will meet on October 8th, 2026, at 6 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm