



Friends of Anastasia General Meeting – Thursday October 8, 2026 – 6pm Water Sports Classroom

President: Rich Gallik – Present

Secretary: Louise Gallik – Present

Vice President: Mary Boutte - Absent

Treasurer: Katrina Denny – Absent

Board Members - Present – Theresa Nguyen, Cathie Forier,

Board Members (absent) – Bridget Kurland, Jessica Glenn, Ann Sokol

Membership-, Robert Edwards, Barbara Olsen, Andris Duffy, Bruce Cathcart, Lisa Matthews, Billy Matthews, Bill Halnon, Chris Creasy

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 did not have a Quorum tonight so will need to approve the August & September Meeting Minutes as posted on our Website at the next meeting.

President's comments-

1. Rich's Comments:

- 1.1 Thank you for attending and thanks to all of our volunteers. Rich noted that two of our Camp Hosts were attending our Meeting as well as Bruce Cathcart who leads our invasive species team..**
- 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 The two UTV's that Friends bought for the Park are on site and just awaiting the completion of paperwork and licensing.
- 1.4 \$180.00 from sticker sales was deposited.

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 at the last meeting. The lock has now been repaired.
The 2026 SE Regional Park Directors Meeting is October 26. Twelve State Parks will be attending for the week and our popular Turtles will make an appearance. The program includes visits to Fort Mose.
Michael would like to schedule a meeting to discuss with Jim Waldron and our team the specifics for the Endless Summer Run which is November 21. This year it will be run completely on the beach.
- 3. **Financial Report – Thank you Katrina** – On 10/8/2026 our Balance was \$04,816.01. Katrina was not able to attend the October meeting she will 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: 205 (Regular 139, Life 63, Corp & Nonprofit 3)** – Thank you Ann for doing membership!
 - 4.3 **Volunteers:** Thank you to all volunteers.
 - 4.4 **Turtle Program 2026:** - We just had another nest hatch this month. Total of 137 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 –

Saturday Oct 24 Ancient City Kids Day Francis Field _11-3 pm____

Sat – Amp Market October 24th _8-12:30 ____ St. Augustine Christmas Parade December 5, 2026

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. He will make spreadsheets to show which businesses have been contacted. Andris to contact Camping World.

7. Next meeting - we will meet on November 12th, 2026, at 6 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm