

FFINS July Meeting Minutes
July 12th , 2016 – 6:00pm

Attendees: Dr. David Hensen, Renee Kantro, Victoria Como, Sarah Schaefer, Anita Stern, Kaetlyn Jackson, Patty Vertullo, Kelly Fellner, Superintendent Chris Soller

Minutes approved from June meeting.

1. Treasurer's Report – (Anita Stern)
 - FFINS has \$6,700 in our account.
 - Anita is asking Patchogue businesses for donations (visited 45 restaurants/ businesses so far- got 2 donations from individuals). Next step is to send out follow up letters.
2. Fire Island Lighthouse Preservation Society Barefoot Black Tie Event
 - August 13th, 2016, 6-11 pm at the Fire Island Lighthouse.
 - Park in Field 5 at Robert Moses State Park and walk to FI Lighthouse.
 - Ticket cost: \$150/person. Fundraiser (raffles) and dinner.
3. Watch Hill Ferry Terminal Trivia Slideshow
 - FFINS purchased 48 inch Smart RCA monitor and wall bracket.
 - Patchogue Rotary Club donation of \$500 covered almost entire cost.
 - Slideshow created by SJC students along with Professor Konstatine Rountos is ready to go.
4. Alive After 5 in Patchogue: 5 pm – 9 pm July 21st, August 4th and August 18th
 - Event on July 7th was a success.
 - All are welcome to help out at FFINS table at events.
5. Saint Joseph College (SJC) Day
 - Sunday, August 28th , 2016 at Watch Hill
 - Schedule of events:
 - 12:00 pm ferry to Watch Hill (Round-trip is \$17/ ticket)
 - 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm: activities
 - 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm: reception (cocktails and light refreshments)
 - 6:30 pm Ferry to Patchogue
 - Celebrate 100 years of SJC and National Park Services.
 - Kelly Fellner spoke with Frank Antonawich and Konstantine Rountos today to finalize itinerary/plans.
 - Activities:
 - Scientific Presentations by SJC faculty and SJC Professor led walks.
 - Photo contest with unique event hastag.
 - Beach- Lifeguard will be on duty.

- Beach seining.
 - Regularly scheduled FINS canoe tour.
 - Various other short educational tours.
 - Beach volleyball.
- Reception: Brief speeches by FINS Superintendent Chris Soller, Dr. David Hensen and SJC Professors.
 - Invite: SJC current and incoming students and parents, faculty, alumni, Fire Island National Seashore staff, FFINS members.
 - Expected attendance: ~50 people
 - FFINS funds that were raised at Christmas Boat Parade are available ~\$500.
 - FFINS will donate a total of \$1000 to SJC to spend however they chose to fund event (no FFINS disclaimer needed).
6. FFINS- Stony Brook University (SBU) Event
- Victoria Como is planning an event on July 16th at Watch Hill: 8:30 am ferry.
 - 24 students expected to date.
 - Dr. David Hensen will pay for the ferry tickets.
 - Activities: canoe trip, beach seining, painting.
 - Event intended to reinvigorate SBU student chapter.
7. Patchogue Rotary Club
- Kelly Fellner will do a FINS presentation to Patchogue Rotary Club on July 20th at 12:15 pm at the Burger Shack in Patchogue.
 - Fun Day in planning stages for Patchogue Rotary Club either on a Thursday or Friday late in July or August to one of the FINS key locations. ~ 40 members expected to be interested.
 - Suggested that FINS attend a Patchogue Rotary Club meeting
8. NPS Challenge Grant- Award notification in October, 2016
- Application submitted to fund 2017 SBU orientation tour: requested \$4,250
 - Application submitted to fund the Marcelo Lucero Unity Event: requested \$4,500
 - Keep an eye out for other funding opportunities.
9. FFINS outreach to Hispanic community
- Reach out to Ecuadorian community in Patchogue- target community leaders- plan trip to Watch Hill and have dinner together after.
 - Make connections and bring a larger group to Watch Hill in August 2017.
10. VIP Tour Plan
- Still figuring out a date to have Kennedy Wright and SJC- FFINS student chapter visit the key FINS sites.

11. CENTENNIAL Art Exhibition

- Find Your Park Juried Art Exhibition
- Dates: July 31 – September 5, 2016
- Reception: Thursday August 25, 6:00 pm to 8:00 PM
- August 25th is Founders Day: National Park Service established.

12. Stony Brook University Orientation Tour for International students

- September 11th, 2016
- Coordinate with Yu-Wan Wang from SBU International Student Department.
- Don Hester is available to host the students in his home for the day as usual.

13. Fundraising

- Reach out to other village businesses for donations
 - Sarah can reach out to Sayville and Victoria can reach out to other towns/ villages.
- Photo Key- working with Patty Vertullo at Paumanok Vet Hospital to take photos of pets and people to solicit donations.
 - Expect good donations.
 - Include FFINS flyer with photo mailings for information.