

October FFINS meeting minutes  
October 11th, 2016 – 6:00pm  
River room

Attendees: David Hensen, Sarah Schaefer, Kelly Fellner, Kathy Krause, Regina Casale

1. NPS Challenge Cost Share Program-National Park Service and Outdoor Foundation
  - Grant award notification may come in late October or November.

Beach Soccer: Regina says the Cosmos are interested in participating in an event.

2. Educator Workshops: Invite educators you know and people who are soon to be educators.
  - Seashore Dynamics- October 15<sup>th</sup>, 12:30pm- 4:30pm, Wilderness Visitors Center, Fire Island- workshop is almost full
  - Educators Open House- November 8<sup>th</sup>, 10am-2pm, Patchogue Watch Hill Ferry Terminal - Advertise November 8<sup>th</sup> Workshop at the Patchogue River Clean-event on October 16<sup>th</sup>.
3. Treasurers report - Anita Stern- Balance \$6350 and getting lower
4. Mie Higuchi- SBU student- emailed David expressing interest in helping with SBU Student Chapter.
5. Appalachian Mountain Club / Atlantique
  - Diane Serlin is interested in helping FFINS outreach to western communities.
  - Ranger Kelsey has a program regarding this subject and may be able to present.
  - Plan early summer presentation/event with NPS staff.
6. Slideshow- add the Patchogue Rotary Club slide to the presentation and possibly add the SJC and SJC biology club logo.
7. GreaterFI.com- Joe DeVincent and Elizabeth Rodgers should team up to write articles.
8. Patchogue River Clean-up- October 16<sup>th</sup>- 10 am-3 pm
  - Patchogue-Medford Biology Club
  - Sponsors/ Support:
    - Dunkin Donuts
    - Emerald Island- Supply garbage bags
    - David Kennedy- Lawn signs for event advertisement
    - Blue Point Brewery/ Chamber of Commerce possible sponsors?
  - Check in for event is at Watch Hill Ferry Terminal
  - Bring tables!

- Activities:
  - Water Quality
  - Pollinator Garden Tour
  - Nautical Themed Music
  - Artists in Action
  
- 9. Hispanic Fire Island Presentation on November 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Special program aimed at local Hispanic community
  - Watch Hill Ferry terminal
  - Environmentalist John Kohl
  - Program comparing the Galapagos Islands to Fire Island.
  - Presentation in Spanish-Regina Casale will translate some documents.
  
- 10. William Floyd Estate VIP Tour- November 11<sup>th</sup>
  - FFINS liaison for WFE
  - SJC majors, Peter Maust and Konstantine can bring interested students.
  - Natural and Cultural draw for liaison
  - Equestrian event- still a possibility but we will try for the event next year.
  
- 11. Christmas Boat Parade- November 20<sup>th</sup> 4 pm- 9 pm
  - Green Screen Photo booth
  - Donations for food to sell?
  - Fundraising: sell FFINS shirts and hats?
  - Sell hot chocolate and chips
  - Sign up potential members
  - Solicit sponsors from chamber of commerce members
  
- 12. Other ideas:
  - Collect email addresses through a raffle- increase membership, outreach, FFINS awareness.
  - Send a news blast/ materials to SBU and SJC students using a FFINS member's access to student email groups.
  
- 13. Marcelo Lucero Unity Tour
  - November 6<sup>th</sup>- Vigil will be held
  - Location: Watch Hill Ferry Terminal?
  - Can this be part of the NPS interpretive plan?
  - Include other activities that could unite Hispanic/Patchogue community- yoga?