

FFINS November Meeting
November 9th, 2015 6:00 pm

Attendees: Mike Trotta, Kathy Krause, Regina Casale, Anita Stern, Renee Kantro, Dr. Dave Hensen, Sarah Schaefer, Frank Antonawich

Treasurer's Report- Anita Stern

- Amazon Smile- need to promote use especially during holiday season.

Christmas Boat Parade-November 22nd, 2015

- Regina suggested putting boat parade flyers in Media Arts Center Theatre in Patchogue downtown.
- Get to Watch Hill Ferry Terminal around 4 pm to start setting up.
- FINPS has 4 hot water heaters FFINS can use, bring one from home if possible.
- 6 SJC students are expected to volunteer.

Start planning a FI trip for English as a Second Language (ESL)/ English as a New Language (ENL) junior high and high school students

- Regina Casale can start with Longwood school district
- Issue is a lack of awareness in Hispanic community of Fire Island National Seashore.

Engage Hispanic community in Christmas Boat Parade:

Action:

- Papa del Nino parade in Patchogue- talk with parade organizers, put translated flyer out for distribution.
- Kathy Krause will send FFINS Christmas boat parade/ FINPS November events flyer to distribute.

FFINS VIP Tour:

- Training for docents can be given along side FINPS staff training and science seminars.
- Need target audience list.

SJC FFINS Club updates

- Monish is bringing in members from the biology club to combine forces with SJC FFINS student chapter.
- Frank Atonawich- working with new SJC professor- Dr. Konstantin Rountos
 - Great potential for future work with FFINS.
 - Dr. Rountos will attend FFINS meeting when he is available.
 - Plan SJC potential student and parents day at Fire Island Lighthouse Fresnal Lens Building –Feb/March (before first college deposit due)
 - Build FFINS-SJC-NPS relationships.
 - Speakers: Dr. Rountos, Dr. Hensen, Frank Atonawich, NPS

NPS events:

- Less winter programs-lack of winter NPS staff
- New Year's Day walk?
- Need volunteers for Watch Hill to Fire Island breach to Fire Island Wilderness Center post-Sandy trail cleanup.
 - Need 2 groups of 6-SJC and SBU students?
 - Dates TBD
 - Get direction from NPS for trail management