

FFINS Meeting Minutes  
April 11, 2016 – 6:00pm

Attendees: Dr. David Hensen, Sarah Schaefer, Kathy Krause, Konstantine Rountos, Frank Antonowich, Kelly Fellner, Mike Trotta, Melissa Kuehnle

**Treasurer's report** - from Feb. 29, 2016

- Approximately \$7,000

**FINS Science conference**

- Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup>
- We need to purchase fruit for 100 people and deliver it to WH ferry terminal Friday morning 8am- Mike Trotta volunteered to pick up fruit and tooth picks on Thursday evening and leave at WH Ferry Terminal.

**Natural & Ecological Research Discussions (NERD) Night-** April 22nd

- No outside applicants as of April 11th, will decide to hold the event by April 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Fire Island National Seashore – Volunteer opportunities**

1. Horseshoe crab spawning survey training- April 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm at Watch Hill Ferry Terminal
2. Centennial volunteer challenge- volunteer 200.16 hrs and hike 20.16 miles
3. Native plant and pollinator garden- Watch Hill- mulching, planting, weeding
4. Junior Ranger Day- April 16<sup>th</sup> 11am to 4 pm at Fire Island Lighthouse Fresnel Lens Building- Contact Irene Rosen by April 14<sup>th</sup> to volunteer at event.

\*Last year 25,000 hours of volunteer work logged for FINS.

**Stony Brook University Earthstock**

- Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016
- Need exhibitor at FFINS table- Dave volunteered

**NorthFace Explore Grant application - Marcelo Lucero Unity tour**

- Submitted and received April 4<sup>th</sup>. Requested \$10,000
- Grant awarded in June
- Received support letters: SJC, Hagedorn Foundation, Patchogue-Medford school district, TCC

**FFINS-SJC**

- Slide show with FINS trivia question to view at ferry terminals
- Creation of trivia questions in progress, template for slides completed by Konstantine
- Categories- should align with 5 themes for NPS

- History, current events, general questions about NPS, William Floyd Estate, wilderness, Watch Hill, Sailors Haven / Sunken Forrest, Fire Island Light House, Fire Island Communities, plan your visit
- Include advertisements for FFINS and upcoming events intermittently in slide show
- Still need high-resolution photos and FFINS and FINS logos.
- Kathy Krause has 90 high-resolution photos that were shared NPS-wide that we can use
- Target completion date: Memorial Day 2016 – May 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Technology we need:
  - Bigger TV screen?
  - Old laptop that will play slide show on a loop- Dave may have one
  - Placement of TV screen in ferry terminal foyer

**Centennial Art Exhibition- Find Your Park Juried Art Exhibition-** weekends, July 31<sup>st</sup>- September 5<sup>th</sup>, Watch Hill Ferry Terminal

- Reception- August 25<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm- FFINS could provide refreshments
- Application deadline- June 10<sup>th</sup>
- Volunteers needed to man the exhibit- 4 hours on weekend mornings

**Saint Joseph College (SJC) day- August 28<sup>th</sup> (day before SJC class starts)**

- SJC and NPS turn 100 in 2016
- SJC students want to kick-off the SJC Centennial events with SJC day
- Planning a reception at The Pier at Watch Hill- invite ~150-200 people: SJC alumni, local politicians, admissions, interested students and current, NPS staff, SJC professors
- Fundraiser-charge admission
- Day activities/ Evening Activities- beach walks, seining, wilderness tours, etc. can transition into evening reception at the restaurant
- SJC Hospitality major can help set up the event
- Action:
  - Set up planning committee for this event
  - Contact Rick Boyle at The Pier

**FFINS student chapter**

- SBU-FFINS- need a chapter president
- SJC-FFINS- Students Mohnisch Singh and Brendon Plotke

**Membership**

- Solicit volunteers to accompany regularly scheduled FINS tours-send out sign up sheet for volunteers
- Follow through with change to membership- fee is no longer an obligation to be a member, but a suggested donation
- Action: Change future brochures to reflect membership fee change

**New Business**

- Kelly Fellner- Fire Island elementary school presentation- May 7<sup>th</sup>, 5-8pm at Ocean Beach Community Center
- Dave Hensen: FI Light House Preservation Society interested in FFINS helping out with their events