

January FFINS meeting minutes  
January 10th, 2017– 6:00pm  
River room

Attendees: David Hensen, Sarah Schaefer, Kelly Fellner, Peter Maust, Konstantine Rountos, Patti Vertullo

November and December meeting minutes were not written.

1. New People with FFINS:
  - Linda Trippiedi- Treasurer
  - Kim Lamiroult – Marketing help
  - David Taylor- Advisor to Sierra Club
  - Brian O’Keefe-Lawyer
  - Peter Maust – New William Floyd Estate (WFE) Liaison and SJC history professor
  
2. Fire Island National Park Service agreement with FFINS is up for renewal
  
3. Latino Heritage Internship Program: Applications due February 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Internship is open to all.
  - Goal of position is to increase diversity of NPS users and staff, increase access for Latinos into FI National Seashore and produce Alive After 5 event marketing.

<http://www.latinoheritageintern.com/job/education-and-community-outreach-intern/>
  
4. Artist in Residence Program: Applications due February 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Artists are expected to stay 2-3 weeks at a time.
  - All art genres accepted.

<https://www.nps.gov/fiis/getinvolved/supportyourpark/artist-in-residence.htm>
  
5. Treasurer’s Report: Linda Trippiedi
  - \$6,350 and more revenue is coming in from the December Green Screen Photography fundraising and Santa Pet Photo-shoot.
  
6. Upcoming Events:
  - Green Screen Photography Event on January 15<sup>th</sup> 6-8 pm
    - New themes: winter and Super bowl.
  - SBU Sierra Club Meeting- February 8<sup>th</sup>
    - Intent is to promote Challenge Grant- campus contest for 4 weeks in September.
    - Need a SBU student to run the FFINS SBU Student Chapter- Mie Higuchi emailed David Hensen and offered to help.

- SJC Biology Club will promote the Challenge Grant on campus.
- Citizen Science Birding and The Great Backyard Bird Count
  - February 18<sup>th</sup> 9am -12pm at the William Floyd Estate
  - February 19<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm at the Fire Island Light House
- Possible Spring Clean up on the Patchogue River-effort led by Kaetlyn Jackson.

7. William Floyd Estate Updates:

- VIP Tour was led on November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to William Floyd Estate to brainstorm ideas on how to increase visitation.
- Ideas:
  - i. SJC Introductory History course student project.
  - ii. Archive project.
  - iii. Create a program similar to that of William Floyd and Patchogue-Medford School District- all 4<sup>th</sup> grade students visit WFE.
  - iv. Dog walk event in January or February (avoid warmer months because of ticks).
  - v. Horse Event is not going to happen.
  - vi. Hold an event and fundraiser for a specific need at the WFE (e.g. FFINS event for Marcelo Lucero Unity Tour, fencing for deer management on property ~\$100,000, look into other needs that can be funded).

8. Programming to form partnership with local Hispanic community:

- Bay Elementary School- February 13<sup>th</sup>. Environmentalist, John Kohl, from Consensus Building Institute will give a presentation on the comparing the Galapagos Islands and Fire Island. Regina Casale will translate documents/presentation and be the FFINS representative at the event.
- Science Expo at Bay Elementary School- March 1<sup>st</sup>. FFINS could have a table at the event.
- Plan is to work with this school's students and families first and then expand reach to other local schools.
- Marcelo Lucero Unity Tour- Chair: Regina Casale. Try to put together a Unity Tour in July 2017 and then a tour with a larger group in August 2017.

9. Appalachian Mountain Club- Atlantique:

- Outreach to western Fire Island Communities.
- Ranger Kelsey (or another Ranger) can give a presentation on the history of the National Park Service, Fire Island National Seashore and FFINS.
- Fire Island Trek Event- Put Diane Serlin in touch with Kathy Krause.

10. Patchogue Christmas Boat Parade:

- Not as great of a showing as previous years due to the high winds and so less concessions were sold.

11. Photo Key 7 & 8 - volunteer editors needed:

- Looking for people to help out editing photos, need to work out of the Paumanok Veterinary Hospital because that is where computers are with the software license.

12. Fundraising:

- Photo Key Green Screen Photography.
- Pursue grants.
- FFINS Membership Card:
  - i. Last made available in 2015 for FFINS members to receive discounts at select Patchogue businesses for the calendar year. Next step is to talk with David Kennedy to make the discounts available again with the “FFINS Discount Card”. Try to add discounts at select Fire Island businesses to promote park visitation.