

February FFINS Meeting Minutes
February 14th, 2017– 6:00pm
River room
150 West Avenue Patchogue, NY 11772

Attendees: David Hensen, Sarah Schaefer, Kelly Fellner, Patti Vertullo, Joe DeVincent, Irna Padilla, Felix Padilla, Patrick Payne, Daniel Brown, Waveney Bowman, Malcolm Bowman, Regina Casale, Linda Trippiedi, Brian O’Keefe, Renee Kantro

January meeting minutes approved.

1. New People with FFINS:

- Linda Trippiedi, CPA- FFINS Treasurer
- Kim Lamiroult – Marketing help
- David Taylor- Advisor to Sierra Club and Professor of Sustainability at Stony Brook University
- Brian O’Keefe-Lawyer and President of Brookhaven Republican Club- advising updated agreement between FFINS and FINS.
- Peter Maust – New William Floyd Estate (WFE) Liaison and Saint Joseph’s College history professor

2. Upcoming Events:

- Artist in Residence Program: Applications due February 17th
 - Artists are expected to stay 2-3 weeks at a time on Fire Island.
 - All art genres accepted.

<https://www.nps.gov/fiis/getinvolved/supportyourpark/artist-in-residence.htm>
- *Overcoming barriers to environmental plan implementation* presentation by Jon Kohl- Wednesday, February 15th Stony Brook University
- Citizen Science Birding and The Great Backyard Bird Count-
 - Saturday February 18th 9:00 am to 12:00 pm – William Floyd Estate
 - Sunday February 19th, 2:00 pm to 4:00pm – Fire Island Lighthouse
- Along the Great South Bay- Fire Island Lighthouse: Fresnel Lens Building Saturday, February 25th 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm:
Myths, folktales, legends and realities of slavery. In commemoration of Black History Month, join historian Sandi Brewster-Walker for this exploration of the facts and fiction regarding the history of slavery and people of color on Fire Island.
- Science Night at Bay Elementary School- Wednesday, March 1st, 2017 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm: FINS Rangers will be there and Regina Casale hopefully will attend.
- Brookhaven Republican Club Meeting- Wednesday, March 15th 7:00 pm
Burger Shack, Patchogue. FFINS member invited to speak about FFINS- Malcolm Bowman could speak about climate change and the affects on Long Island after Hurricane Sandy.
- Earth Stock 2017 at Stony Brook University- April 21st, 2017 11:00 am to

- 3:00 pm (<http://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/earthstock/>)
- People's Climate Movement- Saturday, April 29th, 2017 – bus trip to Washington DC National Mall.
 - Summer: Marcelo Lucero Memorial Unity Tour to Fire Island
3. Treasurers (transition) report – Linda Trippiedi
 - Balance \$6645.62 and getting lower
 4. News:
 - Regina Casale got a grant to plan a field trip for Longwood Junior High School ESL and heritage students to Sailors Haven, Fire Island. Plan for sometime in September or late summer during the week. Cosmos Soccer team could join and film could be produced about the trip.
 5. People's Climate Movement Bus Trip:
 - April 29th, 2017-1 day trip
 - Reserve two buses for the day trip down to Washington D.C. National Mall.
 - Buses: GOGO Bus Tours Inc., Brooklyn, NY- approximately \$3,500 for two buses
 - 56 seats per bus
 - PA system, TVs and DVD player.
 - Ticket sale set-up:
 - i. To pay for all costs tickets must be at least \$36 each. This cost pays for hotel room for two bus drivers to rest in during the march, plus a %15 tip.
 - ii. Include optional donation option for Marcelo Lucero Unity Tour.
 - iii. Subsidize ticket costs for students to make student tickets less expensive.
 - iv. Include non-violence pledge disclaimer before ticket purchase.
 - v. Advertise on Facebook, FFINS website and through email blasts.
 6. Outdoor Nation Campus Challenge:
(<http://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/earthstock/>)
 - Stony Brook University Sierra Club students have an interest in joining the challenge- as a part of the Sierra Club they organize four hikes a year and Fire Island could be a great place to hold one this year while competing in the Campus Challenge. It was suggested to reach out to Stony Brook University Children's Hospital or Veterans Home to partner with for Sierra Club events. Sierra Club and Longwood School District could partner as well and Regina, Patrick Payne and Daniel Brown will talk more about this.
 - Brian O'Keefe will promote this with the Brookhaven Republican Club.
 7. Marcelo Lucero Unity Tour – Summer 2017

- Felix Padilla and Salvation Army in Patchogue could promote this event to their clientele and use the Salvation Army mailing list to send information about the event out. Salvation Army canteen could be used to provide food before the trip to Fire Island.
 - Bay Elementary School event on March 1st could be an introductory event between FFINS and Latino community in Patchogue to build trust and form relationships.
 - Structure the Marcelo Lucero Unity Tour as a two part event:
 - i. Family and children outreach events
 - ii. Community leaders event
8. Captain Planet Grant: (<http://captainplanetfoundation.org/apply-for-grants/>)
- Applications due September 30th 2017
 - Idea: Apply for grant funding for a mommy and me program/ school program and final activity could be a “unity tour”.
 - Kelly Fellner’s NPS colleagues have applied and succeed at getting funding with this grant.
9. Fundraising:
- Pura Vida Bracelets (<https://www.puravidabracelets.com/>)- we could make a Marcelo Lucero Unity Tour bracelet to raise funds for the event. Joselo Lucero could design the bracelet. Would need to buy a minimum of 100 bracelets at \$2.50 each. Use Alive After Five to sell bracelets and promote Marcel Lucero Unity Tour.
 - Photo Key Green Screen Photography at Alive After Five.
 - i. March 5th Green Screen Photography Event- fundraiser for Animal Assisted Therapy and FFINS.
10. 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.
11. Break FFINS into committees for planning future activities? To be discussed at future meetings.
12. National Park Service Valentines Day Video- Kelly Fellner put up a video to close out the meeting.