

April FFINS Meeting Minutes
April 11th, 2017– 6:00pm
River room
150 West Avenue Patchogue, NY 11772

Attendees: David Hensen, Sarah Schaefer, Kelly Fellner, Peter Maust

March meeting minutes approved.

1. North Face Explore Grant- Applications due April 5th
 - Regina Casale and Konstantine Rountos submitted a grant for this year.
2. Earth Day Event at Saint Joseph's College- April 19th, 2017 12pm to 2 pm
 - FFINS will have a table at the event- voter registration forms at the table for students.
 - Fire Island National Seashore will have a table as well.
3. Upcoming Events:
 - Earth Stock 2017 at Stony Brook University- April 21st, 2017 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
 - League of Women Voters Meeting- April 22nd 12pm at Harbor Crab Patchogue, NY- Malcolm Bowman will present on climate change.
 - March for Science- April 22nd- Washington D.C. and NYC.
 - Picnic with Friends at Fire Island National Seashore- April 23rd 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm Smith Point County Park.
 - Breach walk starting at the FINS Wilderness Visitors Center
 - Activities on the beach- soccer, volleyball, etc.
 - FINPS Volunteer Appreciation Day- April 30th 1:00- 3:00 pm at Watch Hill Ferry Terminal- breakfast or reoccurring volunteers.
 - Summer: Marcelo Lucero Memorial Unity Tour to Fire Island
 - National Park Conservation Association- Northeast Friends Convention (NCPA-NE) October 13th-15th in Hyde Park, NY
 - National Park Foundation (NPF) Friends Alliance at Acadia National Park October 17th-19th.
4. Mike Trotta is awarded the Regional National Park Service Enduring Service Award- he will then be in competition with 7 other regions for the National award.
5. People's Climate Movement- Saturday, April 29th, 2017 – bus trip to Washington DC National Mall.
 - 13 tickets sold to date.
 - Reserved 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.

- Since there is low attendance we should cancel the other bus (fee will be a few hundred dollars to cancel).
 - Capacity will now be 56 persons.
 - Ticket sales set-up through Eventbrite:
 - i. Student ticket is \$25.00 (plus fees is \$27.24), individual ticket is \$56 (plus fees is \$59.79). This cost pays for hotel room for two bus drivers to rest in during the march, plus a %15 tip.
 - FFINS members should share the event with anyone who they think would be interested. Eventbrite button is on FFINS homepage.
6. Appalachian Mountain Club- Atlantique- May 18th
 - Host a visit for key faculty/educators from SBU and SJC.
 7. FFINS/ FINPS Agreement Discussion- TBD in May
 - Working session to discuss how we want to structure the FFINS board and committees.
 - La Salle University offers an education and workshop to evaluate organization structure and goals.
 - La Salle University worked with Fire Island Lighthouse Preservation Society.
 - Look into Charity Strong to fund the cost of La Salle's consultation.
 8. Other ideas:
 - Kelly Fellner: Expand FFINS outreach to other Long Island communities- ex: Sayville, Bayshore, etc.
 9. William Floyd Estate (WFE)
 - Peter Maust contacted Sons of the American Revolution for potential WFE events
 - Tri-Hamlet Day- WFE event that FFINS could have a table at- early June
 - Historic Furnishings report could be an interesting topic for a presentation in the fall.
 - William Floyd School District plans a field trip for all 4th graders in the district to visit the WFE.