

**FFINS Minutes**  
**May 9, 2017 – 6:00pm**  
**River Room-FINS Maintenance Facility**

Meeting called to order @ 6 pm  
Adjourned @ 7:20 pm

In Attendance: Dave Hensen, Peter Maust, Renee Kantro, Chris Olojnyk, Kaetlyn Jackson, Linda Trippiedi, Regina Casale, Konstantine Rountos

**Minutes from April meeting-** motion to accept Peter 2<sup>nd</sup> Dr. Dave

**Announcements**

- *Dr Dave emailed-*Program schedule for FILH
- **Mike Trotta wins 2016 George and Helen Hartzog for Outstanding Enduring Volunteer Service.** *Renee posted this on Facebook and sent an announcement from our mail chimp email account*
- Pollinator Garden every Saturday 9am to 11am **amended to 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month**
- **Kelly (absent) gave stats to Dr. Dave:** Tourism to Fire Island National Seashore Creates \$23.5 Million in Economic Benefits
- Fire Island Lighthouse Terrace Repair to Begin-people can still go there during construction.
- Fire Island Marina update: Watch Hill closed for the season-those who want to visit can walk over from Davis Park.

**Treasurer's report –** Linda Trippiedi

- Bal. \$9,000
- Still need to find out PayPal payments from Sarah
- Dr. Dave canceling old credit card-applied for a new one

**Reports**

- April 19 - SJC Earth day event, Renee reported that event was lightly attended but worthwhile for exposure
- Thur. April 20, meeting with Tim Bishop, political implications of current Trump administration. Dr. Dave attended and said it was a good event.
- Friday April 21, SBU – Earth Stock – Tom Wilson LISHores
- Saturday April 22 – Malcolm Bowman presented to LWV
- Sunday April 23 - Phase 1 MLMUT-FI breach walk
- Saturday April 29 – Climate march Washington DC – Dave Hensen reported FFINS made \$2,961.35 from Eventbrite sales, \$230 from various FFINS sales and 50/50 raffle from the trip itself and refund \$464.30 from the bus company for no AC and no bathroom.
- Sunday - April 30 – Volunteer appreciation-no report

### **Upcoming events**

- **October 13-15** – National Park Conservation Association – Northeast Friends convention (NPCA-NE) at Hyde Park, NY: **Dr's Dave & Dee to attend**
- **October 17-19** – National Park Foundation (NPF) Friends Alliance meeting at Acadia National park: **Regina or Sarah might attend**

### **FFINS Organization Committee**

- We need to set next meeting date-tabled for this meeting.

### **Friends of Fire Island National Seashore welcome Diversity**

Regina Casale - Longwood Middle school

### **William Floyd Estate (WFE) – Dr. Peter Maust**

- Ideas to get people to visit
- SJCNY Docents will get trained
- Saturday June 3 – Tri Hamlet Day – WFE- to raise awareness. Free event. There will be a park and ride for attendees. Visit to 3 sites: St George Manor, WFE and Wertheim Nature Center
- Dave Cleaves a historian from Bellport Historical Society is interested in getting involved-Dr. Dave will invite to a meeting.
- Chris reported that down the road (early planning stages) that there will be fundraising for the WFE to build a welcome center.

### **World Environment Day-venue changed from Shorefront to Blue Pt. Brewery.**

- Sat. June 3-date **changed to the 10th**
- Blue Pt Brewery main sponsor
- 11am to 3pm **Change to 12 noon – 4 pm**
- **SJCNY Bio Club to attend-if FFINS can't attend, we can display our FFINS promotional materials on their table.**

### **OutDoor Nation - College Campus challenge**

- Need to set date to present to SJC. Semester ending.
- Constantine reported that there would be a new slate of Bio Club officers. He would like them to come to the FFINS meeting on a rotation basis.

### **Bogs Grant Eligibility**

- ORGANIZATIONS MUST BE BASED IN THE UNITED STATES
- ORGANIZATIONS MUST BE A FEDERALLY TAX-EXEMPT 501(C)(3) ORGANIZATION
- **PROJECTS SHOULD FOCUS ON 3-18 YEAR OLD KIDS**

- ELIGIBLE PROJECTS SHOULD ALREADY BE SUSTAINED, CONSISTENT PROGRAMS THAT DEMONSTRATES IMPACT ON THE LOCAL COMMUNITY
- ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD FOCUS ON CREATING A WORLD WHERE OUTDOOR EDUCATION IS HIGHLY VALUED
- PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO ORGANIZATIONS FOCUSED ON SERVING LOWER INCOME YOUTH
- APPLICANTS THAT HAVE BEEN FUNDED BEFORE ARE WELCOME TO APPLY AGAIN

### **Funding**

- ORGANIZATIONS CAN REQUEST UP TO \$5,000 OR IN-KIND DONATIONS
- ORGANIZATIONS MUST HAVE A PLANNED USE FOR THE FUNDS WITH REALISTIC GOALS AND A PROJECT BUDGET DUE by May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Regina will apply
- Linda will create a budget for Regina to add to the grant.

**Patchogue Rotary Grant-** Regina applied for \$500 and Renee will submit

### **Appalachian Mt Club: Atlantique**

- FFINS is trying to gain a Western reach
- Proposed visit to AMC – Thursday May 18
- Depart 10 am ferry
- 4 pm return
- Primarily for educators to see what its all about and maybe open opportunities for students
- Ferry will drop off and there is a 1-mile walk to the site.
- Committee: Dr. Dave, Kaetlyn, Kelly and Heidi

### **Marcelo Lucero Unity tour of Fire Island**

- Chair – Regina Casale
- Sunday June 11 VIP tour: Limit 15 attendees on boat to Sunken Forest/ Sailor's Haven.
- Perhaps we can have a dining networking event after the VIP tour to invite extra community leaders and politicians.
- Regina will look into possible venues and food if we can't secure the ferry terminal.
- Sunday Aug. 27 Main event
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> breach walk was the first phase of the MLUT- went well 20-25 attendees-the start of something good!
- Konstantine to reach out to Latino SJCNY students
- Target 50/50 mix of Caucasians and Latinos
- Guide to be in both English and Spanish

- Aiming for 100 attendees

**SBU Orientation Tour of Fire Island for international students**

- Sept. 2017SJC-FFINS-Dr. Dave attended, had a table met Tom Wilson who is interested in installing webcams at the Wilderness Center.
- Need to arrange meeting with SBU people
- Malcolm (absent) suggested that we teleconference the initial planning meeting to make it easier for people to attend and give their input.
- Possible date 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in Sept.
- Kaetlyn will check date availability with the Park.

**Other business:**

- Dr. Dave brought up the idea from a conversation from the climate change that he had with someone: the idea was for FFINS to have a lobbying presence in Washington DC. Something to think about?