

Friends of the STX National Parks group

March 7 2019

Attendees:

Rick Starr

Susan Wall

Sara Dykstra

John Gidley

Mike Abney

Meeting called to order at 4:00 by John Gidley

Document needed – Philanthropic Partnership Agreement (now used instead of Friends Agreement), Bylaws, work plan (was due in October)

Philanthropic Partnership Agreement discussion

III 4.B.

Materials in need of advance review – 7 days

- is that enough time?
- who would we send the material to?
- does a Board member take the NPS social media class?

Rick brought up the requirement about responding to Donors

III.A.section 9.

Funds can be applied to items for the Friends group fist, i.e. insurance

Membership program discussion

We need a way to raise funds, renew membership and get new members

How can we attract people to become members?

- t-shirt, mug for personal donors
- plaque – corporate donors

Free lectures for members, non-members to pay?

What can we give corporate donors?

- tax deduction
- promotion in newsletter

Mike – King Christian Hotel organization is looking to join/contribute

How can we attract EDC money

Include more membership levels

- student, senior

Process payments ia PayPal

Mike will bring ideas for a membership program plan for the next meeting

The Friends group should not be the pass through for money from the public to the NPS

Bylaws discussion

How does the Friends group operate – we need the Bylaws

Annual work plan discussion

Challenging to complete plans when we do not have funds coming in

\$2,000 is needed for events insurance

Other news

Rick is resigning – will decrease involvement over the next few week/month

Volunteers

Benito has volunteers

Mission overlap with Friends group and volunteers

- we should be finding volunteers, holding appreciation parties, facilitating volunteer program

Post volunteer form on website

Wendy Solomon (gotostcroix) – may be available as a webmaster, pay a stipend?

Mike and John need Board member name tags – Sara to order

Meeting adjourned at 5:20.

Minutes submitted by Sara Dykstra, Secretary