**Suncoast Native Plant Society, Board of Directors Meeting- Minutes**

**June 19, 2019, Bob Evans, Seffner**

The meeting began at 5:00 pm. Virginia, Niki, Tina, Mike and Barbara Fite attending.

**1. Minutes**: The May minutes were posted to the website.

**2**. **Treasurer’s Report: Niki Cribbs**

* Niki presented the treasurer’s report. Virginia will follow up on the uncashed checks.
* Niki will continue to work on the chapter name problem.

**3. Grants and Expenditures:**

* The $400 for Morris Bridge is still on hold.
* $250 was sent to Tampa Audubon for a sponsorship with the Birding and Wildlife Festival.

**4. PR Report**:

**5. Gardens and Outreach: Tina Patterson**

* Joel Jackson and Tina Patterson worked with 40 volunteers from Citi Group at Lettuce Lake. Joel gave a presentation on native and invasive plants and the group removed invasives in the park.

**6. Membership Meetings/Speakers: Virginia Overstreet**

* June 19- Grayson McCormick speaker, Seffner Extension Office
* July – Joint meeting hosted by Sierra Club, July 10 at the Extension Office. Speaker from ZooTampa. Potluck dinner with setup at 5 pm and dinner at 6 pm.
* August – no meeting or newsletter
* September 18- Seminole Heights Library, Joel Jackson, on native plants’ importance to wildlife
* October 16- Seffner Extension Office, Brian Pinson, Hillsborough River State Park, on prescribed burns
* November 20- Seffner Extension Office, Niki Cribbs, on gopher tortoises
* December 7- Holiday Party at Brooker Creek Preserve
* January 15- Seffner Extension Office, Troy Springer on lessons learned in landscaping with native plants. The January meeting will be the annual meeting for Suncoast Chapter.
* The Seminole Heights Library will not be available in January, April, July or October.

**7. Field Trips/Campouts: Tina Patterson/Shirley Denton**

* June 22 – Cypress Creek Preserve, Hillsborough County

**8. Plant Sale: October 11 (setup), 12 and 13**

* Registration is due September 6. A motion was made and carried authorizing Niki to handle paperwork and registration for the Fall Plant Festival.

**9. Newsletter: Shirley Denton**

* Submissions for the June newsletter should be sent by June 25.

**Action Items:**

**Virginia:**

* Book speakers and obtain bios and talk summaries from them. Send to Shirley and Tina.
* Contact Arian Farid and Chris Hanni about uncashed checks.
* Advertise events on our SNPS Facebook page and share to FNPS.
* Reserve Seminole Heights Library for future meetings, as needed. Check with library to see if we can have the Board meeting there at 5 pm.

Niki**:**

* Organization name changes.
* Register for USF Fall Plant Sale.

Tina:

* Email reminders to members.
* Maintain MeetUp and website. List events in the FNPS calendar. Advertise meetings in papers and fliers. Contact new MeetUp members.

Shirley:

* Prepare newsletter.
* Review by-laws for possible revisions and for compliance with FNPS Handbook.
* Work with Steve and Tina to determine field trip locations and leaders for remainder of 2019.

We Should:

* Share information with Audubon and Sierra clubs.
* Continue to look for new meeting locations and consider changes to chapter activities.
* Continue looking for a president or consider co-presidents.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be September 18 at 5 pm in Seminole Heights, either at the library or a restaurant.

Tina Patterson, secretary