

**Suncoast Native Plant Society**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
Date: April 7, 2009

**Board Members**

Present: Troy Springer,  
Bob Upcavage,  
Kristina Herz,  
Daphne Lambright, and  
Shirley Denton

Absent: Ron Chicone

Quorum present? Yes

Other Present?

**Proceedings:**

- Meeting called to order by President Troy Springer at 7:35pm
- March meeting minutes were read and Shirley Denton made a motion to accept and the motion was seconded by Daphne Lambright. The board passed the minutes unanimously.

**Treasurer's report** submitted by Daphne Lambright

Cash in Bank	5202.16
CD with Sun Trust	6361.59
Petty Cash	40.00
Total	<hr/> 11603.75

**Old Business:**

- 1) Garden at Flatwoods
  - a. Shirley wants volunteers to go weed the garden for a field trip event. Troy would prefer to wait until after the USF sales are completed. Bob may consider the garden for a May field trip.
- 2) Books
  - a. Coastal Places Plant List Book written by SNPS is still on hold. Troy got a list of photographs that are needed from the publisher. Troy will ask if blank spaces on the list mean that photographs are missing.
  - b. Troy has not ordered any new books. He plans to wait until there are enough needed to justify shipping costs.

**New Business:**

- 1) Newsletters
  - a. Shirley reported that 19 additional people have switched from getting printed newsletters to emailed newsletters. 80 members still prefer mailed newsletters.
- 2) Website

- a. Troy says there is still a typo on the website that is causing emails to be sent to the previous president. Shirley will change this typo.
- 3) Speakers
- a. Bob volunteered to speak at the next meeting because there will not be as many people due members attending the FNPS annual conference.
  - b. Shirley recommended doing a “share your garden” presentation
  - c. In August, Bob suggested a speaker who is a software programmer with an orchid photography hobby. However, after discussion, the BOD decided the \$500 fee may exceed our budget.
- 4) Outreach
- a. The USF Botanical Gardens Spring Plant Sale is this weekend. Members are volunteering at the event and we hope it will be successful.
  - b. Daphne reported on an upcoming event put on by the West Meadows Homeowners Association. She suggested that SNPS sell seeds at the event and promote the group. She will contact them for more information.
- 5) Field trips
- a. The trip to Apalachicola has been scheduled for April 24 with a trip leader from Entrix, Shirley’s company. Shirley suggested that this leader may make for a good speaker as well.
- 6) Treasurer
- a. Troy is hoping that book sales increase
  - b. Troy suggested amending the budget around June to fit annual needs
  - c. Daphne will bring last year’s budget to a meeting to compare with the budget for 2009.
- 7) Plant Sale
- a. Updates for the Spring Plant Sale at USF
    - i. Troy reported the plant sale will commence as planned and plants have been ordered from Corincia Nursery and Pine Lily Nursery. Daphne has a brochure for advertising from USF. Sally will be calling the volunteers as reminders for volunteering for the sale.
  - b. USF Butterfly and Herb Fair
    - i. The sale is in June 2009. Daphne recommended selling plants related to butterflies. Troy reminded the group that in the past we have only done outreach at this event because there is lower attendance and a large amount of plants sold by other vendors.
- 8) SWFWMD Land Partnership
- a. Daphne reported that there have been minor changes to the license agreement.
- 9) Green Palmetto Award
- a. The application for this award has been sent to FNPS.
- 10) Sweetwater Organic Farm Farmer’s Market
- a. Troy will be volunteering to help a native plant Q&A at the Sweetwater Organic Farm on Saturday for Earth Day. Kristina and Troy will be representing the SNPS at the Earth Day event and the farmer’s market with the booth, books, and seeds.
- 11) Other

- a. SNPS website access
  - i. Shirley demonstrated how BOD should use the website.

The next board meeting will be held at Daphne's house on May 12 at 6:30pm.

Troy made a motion to adjourn and Bob seconded. The meeting end was unanimously approved.