

Suncoast Native Plant Society
Board of Directors Meeting
Date: July 14, 2009

Board Members

Present: Troy Springer,
Kristina Herz,
Daphne Lambright, and
Shirley Denton
Absent: Ron Chicone, Bob Upcavage
Quorum present? Yes
Other Present?

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order by President Troy Springer at 7:35pm
- June 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	8625.49
CD with Sun Trust	6361.59
Petty Cash	40.00
Total	<hr/> 15027.08

- Revenue and expenses on track based on proposed budget
- Daphne applied for "doing business as" permit
- Daphne paid sales taxes for second quarter.

Committees:

- 1) Field trips
 - a. Bob leading field trip this month
 - b. Caladesi Island for September field trip. There will be a fee for the ferry
 - c. Shirley suggests doing something inexpensive because September trip will have fee. Perhaps kayaking, Green Swamp, Hidden Lake, or SWFWMD property.
 - d. October field trip could be Citrus Park or somewhere with wildflowers.
- 2) Outreach
 - a. Butterfly fair brought in \$398
 - i. Not as many people as other fairs in the past. Troy stated that book inventory is low after this event and the purchase of new books could include a new inventory.
 - b. Monthly joint meeting with Audobon and Sierra Club will be a large outreach opportunity. Troy will set up the booth with brochures, membership applications, seeds, and books. Shirley suggested that if

- internet access is available, new members could sign up online immediately. She will call to inquire about internet access in the HC room.
- c. Member Willow Lemond is doing an edible plant fair on July 26. Based on time constraints, we may give her materials to promote SNPS for the event. Someone can check out event for potential sponsorship and participation next year. We are overcommitted this year but we want to support the event.
 - d. Daphne recommending setting up a calendar with potential recommended future events for the board of directors to keep track of future ideas (Sweetwater organic farm, Earth Day at Lowry Park, plant sales, etc.)
 - e. We would like to consider one more event this year, potentially in October (perhaps the zoo, sustainable activities, aquarium)

Old Business:

- 1) Books
 - a. New SNPS book status unknown. Still needs a publisher. Shirley says to call Cindy for clarification on what is going on with book.
- 2) Invasive Exotic Party
 - a. Troy tried to catch fish for the party. Reminded everyone that the party should include foods from uncontaminated sites.
- 3) Canopy
 - a. Troy stated that the logo has been received. The preliminary design can still be changed. Shirley recommends sending high resolution versions of all logos and designs. Troy suggested adding the grapevine motif. Design should be simple and eye-catching. Fonts for SNPS are negotiable. Daphne suggested accessing background on website for illustration ideas however permissions from the artist may be needed.
- 4) Contact info
 - a. Shirley stated that the president's contact information is still incorrect in one location on the FNPS website.

New Business:

- 1) Plant City Grant
 - a. Troy contacted Shawna to tell her that she was awarded the grant and she is getting more details about the grant. Daphne reported that she has not received paperwork from Shawna yet.
- 2) FNPS Conference
 - a. Shirley introduced the idea of holding the 2012 FNPS annual conference in the area and for SNPS to be the sponsoring chapter. Issues discussed by the BODs include chairperson selection, hotels, informing the general membership etc. Shirley recommended a hotel be chosen ASAP. An area near I-75 and MLK would provide access to natural areas or an area near USF would provide access to MOSI, USF facilities and the aquarium.
 - b. Troy will add a note in the newsletter and the general membership can discuss this during the August meeting after the speaker presentation.

- c. Daphne recommended getting an educational grant from SWFWMD for funding assistance.
 - d. Shirley recommended asking Hernando County and Nature Coast chapters to assist in sponsoring and organizing the event.
- 3) Local Issues
 - a. Troy informed the BOD that EPC budget cuts are an important local issues that should be addressed by all members. Troy will send a notice for the listserv to Shirley.
- 4) Fall Plant Sale is coming up.
- 5) Grants
 - a. Kristina discussed FWS grant information with members as a possible consideration for land conservation and potential collaboration with SWFWMD.
- 6) Brochure
 - a. Daphne asked BOD to consider Welcome to Florida Gardening Brochure. Cindy Liberton could be commissioned to work on making a viable brochure. Daphne will talk to Cindy about this.

The next board meeting will be held at Bob's house on August 18 at 6:30pm.

Daphne made a motion to adjourn and Shirley seconded. The meeting end was unanimously approved.