

Suncoast Native Plant Society, Board of Directors Meeting- Minutes

December 6, 2022 – 7 pm, on Zoom

The meeting began at 7 pm: Virginia, Tina, Niki, Mike, Linda and Kat attending. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom.

The officers for 2023 will remain the same by approval of the board members in attendance:

President: Virginia Overstreet

Vice President: Shirley Denton

Treasurer: Niki Cribbs

Secretary: Mable (Tina) Patterson

Chapter Representative to the Council of Chapters: Virginia Overstreet

1. Minutes: Tina Patterson

- The November minutes were posted to the website.

2. Treasurer's Report: Niki Cribbs

- Niki sent the November reports via email.
- Niki emailed the draft budget for 2023 to the board.
- Shirley or Mike should include a note in the next mailed newsletter to ask readers if they would be willing to get the newsletter digitally. Some members who signed up for it may not actually want it.
- The board adopted the draft budget 5-0.

3. Grants and Expenditures: Niki Cribbs and Virginia Overstreet

- Kenny Coogan's book arrived. Tina will add it to the library list.
- Lynda Davis sent a thank you for the FNPS donation.
- Virginia ordered and received the new tablecloth. She will submit the bill for \$111.00.
- Niki got the sales tax refund for the laptop. Kat will donate a dongle to connect it to the projector.
- The storage unit has been renewed for 6 months. Virginia suggested discussion on a new location.
- T-shirt orders. The board would like to have members order their own. Shirley will send the name of a company she has used.

4. PR Report:

5. Gardens and Outreach: Tina Patterson

- 2023 Native Plant Walks at Lettuce Lake will be on the first Saturday of the month. Tina will send the schedule to Ashley Martin for inclusion in the county Trailblazer.
- Workdays will continue to be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

6. Membership Meetings/Speakers: Virginia Overstreet and Shirley Denton

- **January 18-** "What Should I Plant Here?" on ZOOM, send pictures to Virginia one week before meeting
- **February:** Jimmie Keel (Feb. 15) or MOSI (Feb. 19). Virginia will check on availability.

- Program suggestions: Craig Huegel (at the Botanical Gardens), Archbold, Bok Tower Gardens, Florida Wildlife Corridor, native bees, Karla Alvarado on the Plant Atlas (Zoom), Jaret Daniels
- Joint Meeting: **July 12 at the Tampa Garden Club**. There will be a \$200 or \$300 cleaning fee. We need to check with Sierra on equipment needs (microphone). We need to book a speaker and provide honorarium and maybe travel expenses. Each club should limit their presentation to 10 minutes and should start these during dinner so there is time for the speaker and for questions.
- A motion was made and approved to budget \$1500 in the 2023 budget for expenses related to the joint meeting. **Niki** will revise the draft budget to include this expense.

7. Field Trips: Steve Dickman/Tina Patterson/Shirley Denton

- **Tina** will communicate with Steve on field trips for 2023.
- Linda asked if we can have a wagon tour next year. **Tina** will communicate with the county on this.

8. Plant Sale – April 8 and 9, 2023

- We may have to make supplier changes because Green Seasons Nursery is being sold.

9. Newsletter: Shirley Denton

- Submissions for the **January** newsletter should be sent by **December 25**.
- Topics for January are: “What Should I Plant Here?” (can be copied from the January 2022 newsletter), library checkout procedures, Susan Early article on volunteering yards for a Garden Tour.
- New board member profiles to start in January (?) with one each month.

Action Items:

Virginia: January PowerPoint, meeting location for February **Shirley:** tee shirt company, mailed newsletter list changes

Niki: amended budget **Tina:** library checkouts, board profiles and field trip and wagon tour information

Kat: Dongle for laptop **Mike:** note in newsletter

Everyone: speaker suggestions

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

The next Board of Directors meeting is January 9 at 7 pm on Zoom

Tina (Mable C) Patterson, secretary, Suncoast Chapter of FNPS