

Suncoast Native Plant Society, Board of Directors Meeting- Notes

April 6, 2021 – 7 pm, on GoToMeeting

The meeting began at 7 pm: Virginia, Mike, Tina, Shirley, Steve, Anita and Janet attending. The meeting was held remotely via GoToMeeting.

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

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

- Niki sent the report and March summary to the board via email.
- Most renewals are completed. The next will be the PO box rental, due in May.
- Mike noted that the \$49.30 amount for postage covers 4 months, March through June.

3. **Grants and Expenditures:**

- Niki noted that USF Botanical Gardens has not cashed the check from the November sale. We can ask about it at the Plant Sale.
- There was discussion on scholarships for the annual FNPS conference. Shirley informed us that full-time students receive a free registration. Virginia and Tina will notify Middleton and USF.
- The Board voted unanimously to pay \$35 registration for Kenny Gil, the Middleton agricultural teacher, should he wish to attend the on-line conference.

4. **PR Report:**

- Virginia has completed a PowerPoint of our chapter activities for the conference. Valerie Anderson has asked her to delete duplicate or near duplicate images and package in a format that saves space. Shirley made suggestions for finding the method for doing that.
- The video also needs to include sound. Virginia will record comments on the slides on her phone.
- Virginia is working on the Good Citizens Brochure with other chapter representatives. Shirley will provide photos for the featured plant communities and the homeowner planting suggestions.
- Nanette has been helping with Facebook posts for our chapter but is moving out of state. Shirley will advertise in the newsletter for a person who could help with designing and posting event announcements. We would like to find someone who is not a board member.

5. **Gardens and Outreach:**

- Anita recommended that we keep in contact with Tampa Garden Club. They offered their venue for the July joint meeting but we are not the host. They might make a good partner in future projects and their current site could use more natives.

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

- **April 21- Randy Mears**, on *Carex*. Virginia has received 18 groups of 71 photos that need to be made into a PowerPoint. Steve is helping with names. Shirley suggested repacking in the format using less space.
- **May 19- Joel Jackson**, history of Lettuce Lake and planning of conservation parks. Tina will check with him.
- **June 16-** no one had speaker suggestions yet.
- **July (date to be determined)** – joint meeting; we are NOT hosting
- There are no plans for in-person meetings at this time. The Extension Office and libraries are not fully open.

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

- We will continue to allow only Suncoast (FNPS) members and require masks.
- **April 24** – Cypress Creek, off Livingstone Avenue. Parking is limited. We will meet at 8:30 at the Winn Dixie at US 41 and Sunset Lane and carpool to the entrance. Steve will remind Randy that he is going.
- **May 8**- Split Oak wagon tour. We have 2 wagons which can hold 16 people total. It will be from 9 am – 3 pm and there are no water, food or toilet facilities. There is camping nearby at Moss Park.
- **Fall Camping Trip**: Highland Hammock SP, October 22-24 and Collier Seminole SP, December 9-12. We have 6 campsites at HH and 5 at CS. 9 people have already signed up for HH and

8. Plant Sale – April 10, 2021. 9 am – 2 pm

- Virginia and Troy will pick up plants at Green Seasons and Green Isles on Thursday and bring them to USF. If they need help unloading, Virginia should call or text Mike, Anita and/or Tina as they leave the last nursery.
- We will use tables only for checkout (2) and display (2) unless they are already available and set up. Virginia and Tina will bring display items and brochures.
- 500 plants have been ordered in 1- and 3-gallon sizes. We will charge \$7 for most 1-gallon. We can price the 3-gallon items on Friday. Virginia will send the invoice out Thursday and Shirley will check to see if any new signs are needed.
- Tina will bring storage shed items, including all of the tall stakes, plant id box, price tags and signs. We will put signs outside of the gardens on Saturday.
- Tina will notify volunteers that we are meeting at 9 am on Friday.
- Niki will prepare the cash box and bring with her.

10. Newsletter: Shirley Denton

- Submissions for the May newsletter should be sent by April 25.

Action Items:

Virginia: Create link for next meeting and send to Tina. Plants and presentations

Niki: cash box for plant sale **Tina**: contact volunteers for plant sale and storage items

Steve: April field trip.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Tuesday, May 11, at 7 pm.

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