

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

April 8, 2024 – 7 pm, on Zoom

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

Board Meetings will normally be held on the *second Monday of each month*.

### 1. Minutes: Tina Patterson

- There was no board meeting in March.
- Past Suncoast president, Harriett Wright, died last month. There will be a memorial service April 21. Tina will inform members.

### 2. Treasurer's Report: Niki Marino

- The treasurer's report was sent to all board members via email.

### 3. Grants and Expenditures:

- The board voted to make a \$100 donation to Tampa Audubon Bluebird Trail to thank Mary Miller for speaking to our group in March. Niki will take care of this.
- The board voted via email on March 29 to buy a \$100 ad in the program for the Tampa Bay Butterfly Foundation south Tampa native garden tour. Niki should receive an invoice from Anita Camacho.

### 4. PR Report:

- [Shirley will create an 11x17 poster featuring projects that Suncoast supports with funding and volunteers. This can be used at plant sales and other outreach events. Niki will get it printed.] from January
- [We need more QR code sheets with website information to use at events.] from January

### 5. Gardens and Outreach:

- [Linda asked us to consider the topic of providing outreach to people outside of our club. Suggestions were made about YouTube videos to share.] from February
- Ann Paul has asked us to table at the Nature and Birding Festival, October 17-20. We need volunteers for Friday, October 18 and Saturday, October 19. Audubon is waiving a fee.

### 6. Membership Meetings/Speakers: Everyone

- Niki suggested dividing up the job of finding speakers among all board members.
- **April 17:** Living Shorelines speaker (Niki) Zoom. Virginia will create a link
- **May 18, Saturday:** Members- only visit to Janet Bowers' yard. Like February.
- **June 19:** No speaker arranged. Francisco Faria, Susan Early?
- **July 17:** Joint Meeting at Tampa Garden Club. Audubon is hosting. Speaker is Dr. Paul Gray, Everglades Science Coordinator for Audubon. Virginia will not be at the meeting and will need a stand-in.
- Susan Heyer will give a talk on working with HOAs and community associations. Suggested time, fall, and location, Southshore Library.
- Shirley suggested Marjorie Shropshire and Ginny Stibolt on Zoom when their new book comes out.

## 7. Field Trips: Tina and Merrilee

- **April 20:** Brooker Creek Headwaters, Upper Tampa Bay Trailhead entrance, 7020 Lutz-Lake Fern Rd, Odessa
- **May 11:** not decided; date changed because of meeting at Janet's house
- **June 22:** not decided

## 8. Spring Plant Sale:

- Sale dates are April 13 and 14 with delivery on Thursday and set up on Friday. Steve Farnsworth will arrive at 7 am on Saturday.
- Green Seasons is now managed by Earth Balance, contact is Ellen Kleis.
- New sale hours are 8:30 for garden members and 9 am for the public. The sale ends at 3 pm both days.
- **Tina** will contact volunteers and send an email and parking map to everyone.

## 9. Newsletter: Shirley Denton

- **Susan** plans to write an article on the King's Point common area project. We may hold this to coincide with her talk.
- The newsletter will be published quarterly. **Shirley** should set up a schedule for which months a newsletter will be provided.
- **Shirley** can find a place on our website for us to publish photos from meetings, workdays and/or field trips.

**Action Items: please look for highlighted entries in the minutes.**

**Virginia:** meeting link, plants for sale **Shirley:** newsletter schedule, poster, QR code sheets. **Niki:** print poster **Tina:** volunteers for sale and storage shed items **Linda:** look for short YouTube videos on natives **Susan:** article on outreach activities and garden project.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

**The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday, May 13, at 7 pm on Zoom.**

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