

Suncoast Native Plant Society, Board of Directors Meeting- Minutes

August 12, 2024 – 7 pm, on Zoom

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

Shirley Denton has resigned from the Board. Elections should be held at the November Chapter meeting.

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

1. Minutes: Tina Patterson

- The July minutes were posted to the website.

2. Treasurer's Report: Niki Cribbs

- The treasurer's report was sent to all board members via email.
- Niki has registered us for the October 12-13 USF Plant Sale and will ask for 3 tables.

3. Grants and Expenditures: Niki and Virginia

- A motion was made to sponsor the Birding and Nature Festival at the \$250 level. The motion was passed 5-0. **Niki** sent the Scrub Jay Level sponsorship form.
- The board agreed to reimburse Mark Kateli for 3 t-shirts to be used as prizes in the game night meeting. Suncoast will provide 2 Suncoast shirts.

4. PR Report:

- Suncoast was invited by Hillsborough County CELM to participate in Fire Fest, January 25, 2025. **Tina** will contact Ashley Martin and look for volunteers.
- Tampa Audubon would like us to table at the Birding and Nature Festival on October 18 and 19. **Tina** will get details from Ann Paul. We would like to be next to Little Red Wagon. We should have 3 volunteers per day.
- Janet Amendola asked about speakers for the Hunters Green Garden Club. **Tina** will send some names, including Linda and Steve Corcoran.
- Hillsborough CELM asked us to participate in the Hiking Spree Kick-Off at Wortham Park on November 2. They are also looking for members to guide hikes between November and March. **Tina** will send a list of hikes to Merrilee and Virginia.

5. Gardens and Outreach:

- USF Botanical Gardens is hosting a native plant vendors showcase on September 14. Suncoast was not asked to participate, but Troy Springer will be there, and Virginia may volunteer to help him.

6. Membership Meetings/Speakers: Everyone

- Niki suggested dividing up the job of finding speakers among **all board members**.
- **August 21, Wednesday:** Mark Kateli will host a Tree-via Game Night online. **Susan Early** will be his "local assistant". Suncoast will provide prizes. **Tina** will handle arrangements.
- **September 18, Wednesday:** Michael Jenkins of FDACS will speak online. **Niki** to handle arrangements.
- **Susan Heyer** will give a talk on working with HOAs and community associations. Suggested time, fall, and location, Southshore Library. Maybe a Saturday or Sunday.
- Janet Bowers has invited us to return to her yard for a visit in the fall, maybe as a meeting.

7. Field Trips: Tina and Merrilee

- **September 21, 9 am – 12 pm:** Camp Bayou and Fossil Museum. Hike and Tour.
- **October 24-27:** camping at Myakka River State Park. We have #36 - #39 reserved in the OP (Old Prairie) campground.
- **February 3-7:** camping at Long Pine Key campground

8. Fall Plant Sale: October 12 and 13

- **Niki** will register us. The hours will again be 9 am – 3 pm with garden members entering at 8:30.
- Plant delivery October 10 and set up October 11.
- Ask for 3 tables at \$15 each.

9. Newsletter:

- Discussion on whether to replace the newsletter with a monthly email. **Tina** and **Susan** will look at the Pinellas Chapter example.

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

Niki: Michael Jenkins for September; Plant Sale registration **Tina:** volunteers for October, November and February, August meeting, newsletter replacement **Linda:** Hunters Green speaker possibility **Susan:** select a date for a fall meeting and presentation at Southshore, planning for an email newsletter

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday, September 9, 7 pm on Zoom.

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