

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

December 7, 2020 – 7 pm, on GoToMeeting

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

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

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

- Niki sent the treasurer's report to all board members. It shows a \$774.07 profit from the one-day plant sale in November.
- Niki will be working on the 2021 budget to present at the January meeting.
- Niki has hard copies of all our certificates and renewals as well as a Dropbox. She can send a link to it, if needed.

3. **Grants and Expenditures: Niki Cribbs**

- There was no new grant activity and only routine expenditures apart from the plant sale.

4. **PR Report:**

- Virginia sent an article with photos of the plant sale to Valerie Anderson for inclusion in the Sabal Minor.
- Anita asked if we have considered doing a State Fair booth next year. Nature Coast Chapter has been doing this for the last 5 or 6 years. Virginia and Shirley said that in the past, our fair participation did not generate much traffic or interest. Janet suggested that if we did one, it be moved to the Forestry and Natural Areas Expo building instead of Agriculture and Horticulture.
- Virginia showed the board the brochure from CELM on county preserves. We would like copies of this, if possible. **Steve** will see if any are available for distribution. Anita would also like some as well as the Meadow cards from FNPS. Shirley will see if more are available. Virginia says that the Florida Wildflower Foundation may have free booklets we can get.
- **Shirley** reminded us that FNPS needs 3000 people to sign up for the Native Plants tag in order for the state to begin production. She will do a story in the next newsletter. It is also in the Sabal Minor and Janet sent the link.

5. **Gardens and Outreach: no new volunteer activity**

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

- **December 16 – Member Share** - Virginia reports that she has already received many photos, including from Kenny Gil on the Middleton project.
- Anita suggested that as venues reopen (library and extension), we could consider hybrid on-line/in-person meetings.
- **January 20 – Shirley Denton**, native trees other than oaks that can be used in landscaping
- **February 17 – Troy Springer**, We would like to use him before our spring plant sale. **Virginia** will contact him.
- **March 17 – Jeff Norcini**, roadside wildflower program. **Shirley** has contacted him and he has agreed.
- **April 21- Randy Mears**, on *Carex*. **Steve** will see if he is interested.
- **May 19- Joel Jackson**, history of Lettuce Lake and planning of conservation parks. **Tina** will contact him. This should not interfere with the state conference.

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

- There were concerns about holding field trips at this time. The board decided to go ahead with scheduling but to continue limiting number of participants, requiring pre-registration and MANDATING mask use on field trips. It is also possible for the leader to cancel a field trip at any time if he/she is not comfortable with conditions. Tina will notify all participants.
- **December 19** – Dead River, Dead River entrance, not 301.
- **January 23** – possible Alderman's Ford, emphasis on trees in conjunction with Shirley's talk

## 8. Plant Sale-

- Niki sent out a complete plant sale report.
- Virginia would like us to order more plants, including 3-gallon, for spring. She will see if Troy wants to work with us. If not, we will need to consider how to transport larger plants.

## 10. Election of Board Members and 2021 Officers

- At the November 18 annual membership meeting, there was a unanimous vote (24-0) to accept the nominations of the following members to the Board of Directors: Janet Bowers, Anita Camacho, Niki Cribbs, Shirley Denton, Steve Dickman, Mike Fite, Virginia Overstreet and Tina Patterson. There were no nominations from the floor.
- At the December 7 Board of Directors meeting, the newly formed board chose the following officers for 2021:  
President, Virginia Overstreet  
Vice President, Shirley Denton  
Treasurer, Niki (Nicole) Cribbs  
Secretary, Tina (Mable) Patterson
- Tina will email the results to FNPS administration.

## 11. Newsletter: Shirley Denton

- Submissions for the January newsletter should be sent by December 26.

### Action Items:

**Virginia:** Create link for next week's meeting and send to Tina. Contact Troy.

**Niki:** Write a proposed budget for 2021.

**Tina:** Joel Jackson, FNPS email

**Shirley:** Jeff Norcini, January talk and field trip, state tag story

**Steve:** field trip, Randy Mears

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

**The next Board of Directors meeting is Tuesday, January 12, at 7 pm.**

Tina (Mable C) Patterson, SNPS secretary