

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

December 9, 2024 – 7 pm, on Zoom

The meeting began at 7 pm: Virginia, Tina, Mike, Niki, Merrilee, and Theresa 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

- The November minutes were posted to the website.

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

- The Treasurer's report was sent to all board members via email.
- Theresa Blanchard has volunteered to serve as treasurer next year.
- Niki presented a proposed budget for 2025. The budget was discussed and will be voted on next month. Discussion included looking for a cheaper storage location and whether to do both plant sales or just one sale per year.

### 3. Grants and Expenditures: Niki and Virginia

- Life Storage is now Extra Space Storage. The price has increased to \$140/month.
- We will try the FNPS Google Meet account for the next board meeting.
- Niki could not cancel MeetUp. Tina will need to try again. Suncoast will continue to use MeetUp for now.

### 4. PR Report:

- Firefest 2025 is January 25. Tina, Virginia, Linda and Merrilee will attend. We need our own table and chairs.
- Suncoast needs a new Facebook, Instagram, and newsletter person.

### 5. Gardens and Outreach:

- Donated books will be given away at the picnic and at the Plant Sale.
- Garden workdays will continue to be on the fourth Tuesday (lettuce Lake) and third Wednesday (Bell Creek) next year.

### 6. Membership Meetings/Speakers: Everyone

- **December 14, 11 am – 2 pm, Trout Creek Park, Shelter 3:** Holiday Picnic and Plant Swap
- **January:** Susan Heyer will give a talk on working with HOAs and community associations. Suggested time and location, a Saturday or Sunday, Southshore Library
- **February:** Theresa on "Propagation", at LRW?
- Janet Bowers has invited us to return to her yard for a visit, maybe for a meeting.

### 7. Field Trips: Tina and Merrilee

- **February 3-7:** camping at Long Pine Key campground in Everglades National Park

## 8. Spring Plant Sale: April 12 and 13, 2025

- The registration from fall will be applied to the April sale.

## 9. Newsletter:

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

## 10. Elections:

- Elections are scheduled for the December meeting.
- Niki will be stepping down as treasurer.
- Shirley has resigned as vice president.
- Merrilee Wallbrunn and Theresa Blanchard will join the Board. Merrilee has volunteered for Council of Chapters representative and Theresa for treasurer.

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

**Virginia:** set up board meeting Niki: arranging to hand over financial duties **Tina:** December picnic, MeetUp transfer  
**Susan:** select a date for a meeting and presentation at Southshore, planning for an email newsletter, **Theresa:** check on storage shed rates near USF

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

**The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday, January 13, 7 pm on Google Meet.**

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