

Suncoast Native Plant Society, Board of Directors Meeting- Minutes

December 8, 2025 – 7 pm, on Zoom

The meeting began at 7 pm: Virginia, Tina, Niki, Theresa, Mike, Merrilee, and Michelle Anaya attending. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom.

Board Meetings will normally be held on the *second Monday of each month*. **Next Month, January 12.**

1. Minutes: Tina Patterson

- The November minutes were posted to the website.

2. Treasurer's Report: Theresa will send this week.

- The treasurer's report was sent to all board members via email.
- USF has been paid for the plant sale.
- Virginia and Theresa will meet at the bank in January to move money from savings to a CD.
- Theresa will write up the yearly budget for January 2026.

3. Grants and Expenditures: Virginia and Theresa

- Theresa should be reimbursed for party expenses.
- Virginia will order more name badges and tattoos and then send receipts for reimbursement.
- A motion was made to donate \$500 to the FNPS Conservation Committee for their grants program. The motion passed unanimously.
- Niki requested up to \$125 for supplies to be used at the U of Tampa program. A motion was made and the \$125 approved 6-0.

4. PR Report: Michelle Anaya and Tina

- Bonnie Eaton, Roots and Shoots at U. of Tampa, would like us to participate in an outreach event on Friday and Saturday, February 27 and 28. Niki and Allison will do microscope activities for middle school and high school students. Tina will coordinate volunteers for an informational table.
- County CELM has invited us to table at Fire Fest at Medard Park on February 21, 2026. Tina and Merrilee will coordinate.
- Carrollwood Village Park has invited us to an event on February 21. Tina will give materials to the Master Gardeners, who will be at the event.
- Michelle has increased views to Facebook. She is planning interviews for Reels and a "What We Do" week in January.
- Michelle has contacted FNPS leadership about the website structure.

5. Gardens and Outreach: Tina

- Garden workdays will continue to be on the fourth Tuesday (Lettuce Lake) and third Wednesday (Bell Creek),
- Mary Miller directs a workday at Flatwoods on the *second Thursday* of each month. She has requested all participants RSVP to her. Time is now 8am – 10 am. There will be no December workday.

6. Membership Meetings/Speakers: Everyone

- **December 6: 11am -3pm** Theresa hosted. No other meeting in December.

7. Field Trips: Tina and Merrilee

- No field trip in December.
- Camping at Torreya SP March 30-April 3, 2026.

8. Plant Sale: suggestions for next time, probably April 11 and 12, 2026

- Ask **Theresa** for a list of plants left over. Order fewer or none of these.
- **Someone** should visit the nursery the day before placing the order to see what looks good and is in bloom.

9. Newsletter and News:

- **Tina** sends out an email twice a month to our members.
- **Michelle** will post events to Facebook.

10. Elections: Normally held at the November meeting. We will again need new board members who want to have input on meetings, speakers and locations. Board members elect officers at the first meeting of the new board. All officer positions are available, as well as newsletter and membership.

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

Virginia: tattoos and name tags **Niki:** February programs **Theresa:** 2026 budget **Tina and Merrilee:** Fire Fest 2026.

Michelle: Facebook and website guidance

The meeting was adjourned at 8 pm.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday, January 12, at 7 pm on Zoom.

Tina (Mable C) Patterson, Secretary, Suncoast Chapter of FNPS