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

**February 9, 2017 , Bob Evans Restaurant**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am ; Donna, Virginia, Tina attending

**1. Minutes**: The January minutes were approved.

**2**. **Treasurers’ Report :** Tabled discussion of treasurer’s report since Gar is not present.

**3. Grants and Donations:**

* Megan Selva is leaving E.G.Simmons. We need to find out who the new contact person will be.
* A motion was voted on and passed to allocate the previously approved $500 for the native plant gardens as follows:

$200 for Plant City HCC garden

$200 for Lettuce Lake garden

$100 for the Flatwoods complex gardens

The motion authorizes Janet Bowers or any board member to buy plants for HCC Plant City without board preapproval.

The motion authorizes Donna or Tina or any board member to buy plants for Lettuce Lake without board preapproval.

The motion authorizes Mike Fite or Mary Miller or any board member to buy plants for Flatwoods without board preapproval.

**4. Promotional Items and Print Materials:**

* Donna to email Janet to see if she has ordered new books.
* Donna to release the t-shirt booster next week.
* A motion was made and passed to start the t-shirt booster by March 1.

**5. Membership Meetings/Speakers:**

* Damon Moore, Perico Preserve; Virginia email to [damon.moore@mymanatee.org](mailto:damon.moore@mymanatee.org)

Donna will pick up clipboards and Virginia make sign- up sheets for plant sale volunteers

* Mar 15 – Craig Huegel; Virginia to write a short intro for the newsletter; $100 honorarium
* April 19 – Virginia will speak on trees
* May 10 - open mic
* June 21 – Cheryl Peterson of Bok Tower
* July 19 – joint meeting with Sierra and Audubon; to be held at the Seffner Extension Center; Ross Dickerson to speak on the ELAP program; will need volunteers for setup from 5 to 6 pm , dinner 6 to 7, program 7-8 pm and cleanup from 8 to 8:30 will also need volunteers
* Aug 16 – Tom Hitesman of Sweetbay
* Sep 20 – need a speaker
* Oct 18 – Alan Franck; [afranck@mail.usf.edu](mailto:afranck@mail.usf.edu)
* Nov 15 – need a speaker
* Dec 2 or 9 – joint meeting with other NPS chapters; Donna to email other chapters on cost-sharing
* Other ideas: E.G. Simmons report, FNPS Powerpoint on public lands

**6. Field Trips/Campouts:**

* Feb 18 – Perico Preserve, Damon Moore leading;
* Mar 18 – Lower Green Swamp wagon tour, most spaces filled
* Apr 15 – Balm Boyette Scrub wagon tour , most spaces filled
* Apr 26-30 – Spring Campout, St Joe’s Peninsula, Shirley is working on this
* May 6 – wagon tour Brooker Creek Headwaters
* June 24 – Bok Tower Native Plant Garden, Becky Mallison leading; would like to see the native plant garden, especially the new area, and the endangered plant program area; request the tour from 9:30-11:30 am; with 15 people we can get a discounted admission price of $7 per person
* July 22 – cancel ? or visit native plant gardens we help maintain at Morris, Trout Creek, Flatwoods and Lettuce Lake
* Aug 19 – Sweet Bay nursery buying trip, coordinate with speaker
* Sep 23 – open
* Oct – open ; camping trip to Collier State Park , Highland Hammock or Oscar Scherer; Tina check cabin availability
* Nov 18 – open
* Dec- holiday party, field trips to nearby preserves, need leaders

**7. Outreach/Workdays:**

* Plant City – March 4 workday; Donna check with Janet on future dates
* Native Plant Walk at Lettuce Lake, Feb. 25- workday , 8 am to 9:30 to plant; Donna will not be there
* Hillsborough 100 – Earth Day at Lettuce Lake, Donna to check on room and donations for brochure with Chris; will need a table for literature, maybe outside by the garden; Donna to laminate brochure
* Plant City HCC garden Earth Day celebration on Sunday; a 45 minute presentation on gardening with natives; give garden tours; Niki to work on children’s activities for Plant City and at the Plant Sale April

**Action Items:**

**Donna**

* t-shirt booster by March 1
* email Janet about plants, books and work days, email FNPS chapters on cost of holiday meeting, email Chris about Earth Day
* laminate brochure
* pick up clipboards for meeting

**Virginia :** volunteer sign-up sheets

**Tina :** check camping sites and cabin availability

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Tina Patterson , secretary