

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

February 12, 2023 – 7 pm, on Zoom

The meeting began at 7 pm: Tina, Mike, Virginia, Niki, and Shirley 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 January minutes were posted to the website.
- A motion was made and seconded to retain the same officer positions as last year for 2024: President, Virginia Overstreet, Vice President, Shirley Denton, Treasurer, Niki (Nicole) Marino, Secretary, Tina (Mable) Patterson. The motion carried 5-0. No Council of Chapters representative has been decided. Tina will send the information to FNPS.

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

- The treasurer's report was sent to all board members via email.

### 3. Grants and Expenditures:

- Suncoast will buy a \$288.00 FANN sponsorship. This will include a 1/8<sup>th</sup> page ad and 2 boxes of FANN booklets.
- Tia Silvasy has requested a grant of approximately \$500 to buy plants for Bell Creek Preserve CELM headquarters entrance area. Tina and Merrilee will do a site visit on Tuesday, February 20. The plant list will need to be redone and provisions for continuing maintenance included.

### 4. PR Report:

- Shirley will create an 11x17 poster featuring projects that Suncoast supports with funding and volunteers. This can be used at plant sales and other outreach events. Niki will get it printed.
- We need more QR code sheets with website information to use at events.

### 5. Gardens and Outreach:

- Linda asked us to consider the topic of providing outreach to people outside of our club. Suggestions were made about YouTube videos to share.
- Virginia is presenting to an OLLIE class at Lettuce Lake, February 13.

### 6. Membership Meetings/Speakers: Everyone

- Niki suggested dividing up the job of finding speakers among all board members.
- **March 20:** Mary Miller, 7 pm at Jimmie B Keel (Tina); Mary will do her Bluebird presentation. Virginia will get the laptop to Tina before then.
- **April 17:** Living Shorelines speaker (Niki) Zoom
- **May 18, Saturday:** Members only visit to Janet Bowers' yard. Like February.
- **June 19:** Susan Heyer (Virginia) program on working with HOA's. Possibly a daytime meeting at Southshore Library.
- **July 17:** Joint Meeting at Tampa Garden Club. Audubon is hosting.
- Francisco Faria may be available for April or June if the chosen speakers are not.
- Shirley suggested Marjorie Shropshire and Ginny Stibolt on Zoom when their new book comes out.

## 7. Field Trips:

- **February 17:** Blackwater Creek, yellow loop
- **March 16:** Little Manatee River State Park, north loop. Long hike.
- **April 20:** not decided; Robert Norman has asked for Starkey.
- **May 11:** not decided; date changed because of meeting at Janet's

## 8. Spring Plant Sale:

- Sale dates are **April 13 and 14** with setup on Thursday. **Virginia** to contact Craig about Thursday.
- Niki sent the registration and requested 3 tables, 2 for checkout and one for display.
- **Virginia** is preparing a plant list based on last year and will send it to us for review.
- **Tina** will request volunteers.

## 9. Newsletter: Shirley Denton

- **Susan** plans to write an article on the King's Point common area project. We may hold this to coincide with her talk.
- The newsletter will be published quarterly. **Shirley** should set up a schedule for which months a newsletter will be provided.
- **Shirley** can find a place on our website for us to publish photos from meetings, workdays and/or field trips.

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

**Virginia:** contact Craig, Susan H, get laptop to Tina **Shirley:** newsletter, poster, QR code sheets. **Niki:** print poster, April meeting **Tina:** election info to fnps, March meeting, plant sale volunteers **Linda:** look for short YouTube videos on natives **Susan:** article on outreach activities and garden project, June meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.

**The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday, April 8, at 7 pm on Zoom.**

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