

Suncoast Native Plant Society, Board of Directors Meeting- Notes

January 12, 2021 – 7 pm, on GoToMeeting

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

1. Minutes: The December minutes were posted to the website.

2. Treasurer's Report: Niki Cribbs

- Niki presented the year-end report for 2020 and a proposed budget for 2021.
- Revenue decreases and continuing expenses meant a loss of about \$3000 in 2020.
- The board suggested lowering expense amounts for grant support, book inventory, honoraria and meetings to balance projected revenue shortfalls. These reflect savings from holding on-line meetings and amounts spent in 2020.
- A motion was made and seconded to accept the 2021 budget as amended. The motion passed 7-0.

3. Grants and Expenditures: Niki Cribbs

- The board approved \$250 to the USF Riverfront Park garden project via email before the meeting. Virginia will be at SweetBay to help pick out plants.
- \$250 to FNPS for the conference program was paid last year and will be used this year.

4. PR Report:

- Virginia is sending an article on the Middleton High School garden project to the Sabal Minor.
- Virginia asked that Gail Parsons be given administrative authority to post on our Facebook page. The board agreed.
- Anita is working on the downtown project. Troy received a contract from the City of Tampa to do some of the landscaping.

5. Gardens and Outreach:

- Troy plans to host an open house and plant sale in the spring. He will probably need volunteer assistants.
- Virginia suggested the club hold a Plant Swap on March 20. It will be open to FNPS members. Shirley offered her yard as a location. We will need to provide road signage to direct visitors.

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

- **January 20 – Shirley Denton**, native trees other than oaks that can be used in landscaping
- **February 17 – Troy Springer**, native landscaping lessons learned
- **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.
- Anita has offered space for a December holiday party at the butterfly conservatory.

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

- We will continue to allow only Suncoast (FNPS) members and require masks.
- **January 23 – Alderman's Ford Conservation Park**, emphasis on trees in conjunction with Shirley's talk

- **February 20** – not yet determined, ask Steve
- **March – 13 or 27** to allow for the Plant Swap on March 20.
- **April 24** – Split Oak , or in March, Steve will check with Valerie
- **Fall Camping Trip:** Highland Hammock SP, October 22-24 and/or Collier Seminole SP, December 9-12.

8. Plant Sale-

- We paid registration for the USF Plant Sale last year. We will plan for the dates April 10-11. If USF cancels again, we will still hold some kind of sale, maybe the same as in the fall.
- Virginia would like us to order more plants, including 3-gallon, for spring. Troy is interested in working with us.

10. Newsletter: Shirley Denton

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

Action Items:

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

Niki: Plant sale registrations

Tina: research camping options

Steve: field trips, Randy Mears

The meeting was adjourned at 8 pm.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Tuesday, February 9, at 7 pm.

Tina (Mable C) Patterson, SNPS secretary