

Suncoast Native Plant Society, Board of Directors Meeting- Minutes

January 10, 2023 – 7 pm, on Zoom

The meeting began at 7 pm: Virginia, Tina, Niki, Mike, Linda and Kat attending. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom.

The officers for 2023 will remain the same by approval of the board members in attendance:

President: Virginia Overstreet

Vice President: Shirley Denton

Treasurer: Niki Cribbs

Secretary: Mable (Tina) Patterson

Chapter Representative to the Council of Chapters: Virginia Overstreet – Virginia would like to step down as chapter representative; she suggested Susan as a replacement

1. Minutes: Tina Patterson

- The December minutes were posted to the website.

2. Treasurer's Report: Niki Cribbs

- Niki sent the December reports via email.
- Niki amended the budget to include \$1500 for joint meeting expenses.
- The board approved the amended budget 5-0.
- Niki will send the board a draft of the nonprofit organization report which is due in February.

3. Grants and Expenditures: Niki Cribbs and Virginia Overstreet

- Kat will donate a dongle to connect it to the projector.
- T-shirt orders. The board would like to have members order their own. Shirley will send the name of a company she has used. This was not taken up in January.

4. PR Report:

- Tina asked if Shirley could create an email link for Suncoast on the fnps.org chapter page. Virginia and Tina both volunteered their emails.

5. Gardens and Outreach: Tina Patterson

- 2023 Native Plant Walks at Lettuce Lake will be on the first Saturday of the month.
- Workdays will continue to be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

6. Membership Meetings/Speakers: Virginia Overstreet

- **January 18-** "What Should I Plant Here?" on ZOOM, send pictures to Virginia
- **February 15:** Jimmie B. Keel Library- no speaker is booked. Virginia will check with Craig Huegel. Tina will ask Steve Dickman. Linda suggested Shirley Denton.
- **March 15:** Zoom meeting – Karla Alvarado from USF Herbarium on the Plant Atlas. Tina has confirmed and is meeting with her this month.

- **April 16:** Virginia to see if we can get MOSI on Sunday afternoon, speaker to be Craig or Steve
- Program suggestions: Craig Huegel (at the Botanical Gardens), Archbold, Bok Tower Gardens, Florida Wildlife Corridor, native bees, Karla Alvarado on the Plant Atlas (Zoom), Jaret Daniels
- Joint Meeting: **July 12 at the Tampa Garden Club.** There will be a \$100 cleaning fee. We need to check with Sierra on equipment needs (microphone, projector). Tina will contact Florida Wildlife Corridor Foundation to see if we can get a speaker from them. Each club should limit their presentation to 10 minutes and should start these during dinner so there is time for the speaker and for questions.
- Niki suggested Brent Setchell from FDOT, who builds wildlife crossings and runs a camera program documenting their use. He would be backup choice for July or possibly a Zoom for September.

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

- **January 21:** Gator Creek in Polk County
- Tina will communicate with Steve on field trips for 2023.
- Linda asked if we could have a wagon tour. CELM still does not have an operational trailer, according to Ashley Martin. Tina will continue to check back.

8. Plant Sale – April 8 and 9, 2023

- Niki has not received any new paperwork or info.
- We may have to make supplier changes because Green Seasons Nursery is being sold.

9. Newsletter: Shirley Denton

- Submissions for the **February** newsletter should be sent by **January 25.**
- Topics for February: continue to recruit Garden Tour volunteers, new board member profiles, camping trip in October, chapter representative, annual fnps conference

Action Items:

Virginia: January PowerPoint, Craig Huegel or other February speaker, MOSI reservation Shirley: tee shirt company, chapter email

Niki: nonprofit report, Brent Setchell Tina: board profiles, Florida Wildlife Corridor and Steve D.

Kat: Dongle for laptop

Everyone: speaker suggestions

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday, February 6, at 7 pm on Zoom

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