

Suncoast Native Plant Society, Board of Directors Meeting- Minutes

July 8, 2024 – 7 pm, on Zoom

The meeting began at 7 pm: Virginia, Tina, Mike, 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 June minutes were posted to the website.

2. Treasurer's Report: Niki Cribbs

- The treasurer's report was sent to all board members via email.
- Suncoast received 2 boxes from FANN for our donation.

3. Grants and Expenditures: Niki and Virginia

- Tina reserved the shelter at Trout Creek for the holiday picnic. Niki will send Tina a check for \$72.45 to reimburse for shelter #3 rental.
- A motion was made to sponsor the Birding and Nature Festival at the \$250 level. The motion was passed 5-0. Niki will send the form.

4. PR Report:

- 6 members met June 19 with Sue Bedry from the Times about a Newspapers in Education magazine- style insert on native plants. We agreed to help with workshops and articles.
- Suncoast was invited by Hillsborough County CELM to participate in Fire Fest, January 25, 2025. Tina will contact Ashley Martin and look for volunteers.
- Tampa Audubon would like us to table at the Birding and Nature Festival on October 18 and 19. Tina will get details from Ann Paul. We would like to be next to Little Red Wagon. We should have 3 volunteers per day.

5. Gardens and Outreach:

- Virginia spoke with Renata Poetzl about the Northdale grant request. She suggested visits to Vista Gardens and Carrollwood Village Park. Tina will set up contacts with Steve Corcoran and Vicki Kuse.
- Niki attended a Land Management Review workshop. FNPS will train interested members to participate in reviews as an NGO representative. Dates for online training will be announced.

6. Membership Meetings/Speakers: Everyone

- Niki suggested dividing up the job of finding speakers among all board members.
- **July 17, Wednesday:** Joint Meeting at Tampa Garden Club. Audubon is hosting. The speaker is Dr. Paul Gray, Everglades Science Coordinator for Audubon. The board voted in May to provide \$200 to buy plants for the tables. There are 10 tables. Virginia will let Troy know. Linda will pick up plants from Troy's. The plants should include labels. Virginia will not be at the meeting and will need a stand-in. Linda and Tina will be at the meeting.
- **August 21, Wednesday:** Mark Kateli will host a Tree-via Game Night online. He will arrange the online access. Susan Early will be his "local assistant". Tina will get more information and links from Mark.
- **September 18, Wednesday:** Niki will see if Michael Jenkins from FDACS will speak online. We were unable to hold the meeting last year.

- **Susan Heyer** will give a talk on working with HOAs and community associations. Suggested time, fall, and location, Southshore Library. Maybe a Saturday or Sunday.
- Janet Bowers has invited us to return to her yard for a visit in the fall, maybe as a meeting.
- **Shirley** suggested Marjorie Shropshire and Ginny Stibolt on Zoom when their new book comes out.

7. Field Trips: Tina and Merrilee

- **July 20:** no field trip because of the FNPS meeting.
- **August 10, 8 am – 11 am:** location to be determined.
- **October 24-27:** camping at Myakka River State Park. We have #36 - #39 reserved in the OP (Old Prairie) campground.

8. Fall Plant Sale:

- Sale dates are probably October 11 and 12. Niki has not received any information.

9. Newsletter: Shirley Denton

- The newsletter will be published quarterly.

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

Virginia: order plants from Troy for July **Niki:** payments to Tina and Birding and Nature; Michael Jenkins for September
Tina: volunteers for October and February, August meeting **Linda:** talk for Orange Blossom Garden Club, pick up plants for July meeting, "Save the Butterflies" book copy for board to review **Susan:** article on outreach activities and garden project, select a date for a fall meeting at Southshore

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.

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

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