

Suncoast Native Plant Society, Board of Directors Meeting- Minutes

(with additions from email threads this week)

June 10, 2024 – 7 pm, on Zoom

The meeting began at 7 pm: Virginia, Linda, 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 May minutes were posted to the website.

2. Treasurer's Report: Niki Cribbs

- The treasurer's report was sent to all board members via email.
- **Niki** will send Janet Bowers a \$100 check for hosting the May meeting.
- **Tina** will ask Anita to send an invoice to Niki. The board voted in March to pay \$100 for an ad in the program.

3. Grants and Expenditures: Niki and Virginia

- A motion was made to spend up to \$200 for a shelter at Trout Creek (shelter #3) and supplies for the holiday picnic. **Tina** will reserve the shelter.
- **Linda** would like to sell "Save the Butterflies" by Bethany Stahl at the joint meeting. After discussion, it was decided to table the decision and consider for the October plant sale instead.
- The board discussed a grant request from Northdale Plant Friends Committee and Northdale Civic Association for financial support to construct a Florida Native Garden on land adjacent to the Rec Center. **Virginia** will contact Renata Poetzel to indicate that we will not take any action until the garden plans and permissions are more advanced.

4. PR Report:

- Orange Blossom Garden Club in Lutz has requested a speaker from Suncoast. **Linda** volunteered. If she is not available, Virginia will pass the request to Steve Corcoran or Theresa Blanchard.
- Sue Bedry, newspaper in education development officer at the Tampa Bay Times, has asked our cooperation in a project on native plant horticulture. Virginia will set up a meeting with her. (emails 6/11-6/14)

5. Gardens and Outreach:

- {Ann Paul has asked us to table at the Nature and Birding Festival, October 17-20. We need volunteers for Friday, October 18 and Saturday, October 19. Audubon is waiving a fee.} from May

6. Membership Meetings/Speakers: Everyone

- Niki suggested dividing up the job of finding speakers among **all board members**.
- **June 19:** Mark Kateli is available June 25 or August. Virginia scheduled a meeting with Sue Bedry for June 19. (emails 6/13 and 14)
- **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. Virginia will send last year's PowerPoint to Tina for updates.

- **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.
- **Shirley** suggested Marjorie Shropshire and Ginny Stibolt on Zoom when their new book comes out.

7. Field Trips: Tina and Merrilee

- **June 22:** Alafia Scrub Preserve, 8 am start time
- **July 20:** native plant nursery visit (to be decided)

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: communicate with Northdale, set up meeting with Bedry, send PowerPoint to Tina, order plants from Troy for July **Niki:** payments to Janet and Tampa Bay Butterfly Foundation **Tina:** reserve shelter at Trout Creek, communicate with Mark about summer meeting and Ann about July, update PowerPoint **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

Old Business:

- **[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.] from January
- [We need more QR code sheets with website information to use at events.] from January
- Susan Early chairs the Education Committee for FNPS and is looking for ideas. She would like the West Coast (and other regions) Landscape brochure available as a pdf so that chapters and others can print their own copies. **Shirley** will see if there is a usable file.
- **[Linda]** asked us to consider the topic of providing outreach to people outside of our club. Suggestions were made to look for YouTube videos to share.] from February
- **Shirley** can find a place on our website for us to publish photos from meetings, workdays and/or field trips.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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

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