

Suncoast Native Plant Society, Board of Directors Meeting- Notes

March 9, 2021 – 7 pm, on GoToMeeting

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

1. **Minutes:** The February minutes were posted to the website.

2. **Treasurer's Report: Niki Cribbs**

- Niki presented the form for the state which shows our revenue and expenses breakdown as a 501C3. The board agreed that we should reclassify plant sale expenses as Program Services instead of Fundraising since supplying native plants to the public is part of our mission.
- We discussed the cost of postage and whether members should continue to receive a mailed newsletter. Shirley says new members are automatically signed up for email notices and newsletters. Mike reported that some of our older members cannot get email newsletters. It was decided to keep sending them out to members who are already signed up for a hard copy.

3. **Grants and Expenditures:**

- Virginia went to SweetBay on February 27 and paid for the plants for the USF garden project as well as plants for Flatwoods County Park. She and Mike will meet some of the USF organizers on March 16 at 5:30 pm to discuss garden maintenance.
- The board decided to offer Jeff Norcini a membership renewal for speaking in March. If he would prefer it, we could give a \$50 honorarium.

4. **PR Report:**

- Virginia is collecting photos of gardens maintained by our chapter at county parks for the Conference video. Tina will send some from Lettuce Lake.
- Virginia is working on the Good Citizens Brochure with other chapter representatives and is getting input on plant communities to be included for our area.

5. **Gardens and Outreach:**

- Shirley, Tina and Virginia will all look for extra membership brochures for Anita and for the plant sale.
- Mike would like some new signs for the Trout Creek and Morris Bridge gardens. Niki will check with an engraver she knows. Tina will ask Joel about printers and materials.

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

- **March 17 – Jeff Norcini**, roadside wildflower program. Shirley will remind him.
- **April 21- Randy Mears**, on *Carex*. Virginia offered to help with his PowerPoint.
- **May 19- Joel Jackson**, history of Lettuce Lake and planning of conservation parks.

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

- We will continue to allow only Suncoast (FNPS) members and require masks.
- **March 27-** Ft. Desoto in Pinellas County. There is a \$5 entrance fee. Steve has sent information to Tina.
- **April 24 –** Cypress Creek, possibly, off Livingstone Avenue. Randy may have a suggestion.

- **May 8-** Split Oak wagon tour. We have 2 wagons which can hold 16 people total. It will be from 9 am – 3 pm and there are no water, food or toilet facilities. There is camping nearby at Moss Park.
- **Fall Camping Trip:** Highland Hammock SP, October 22-24 and Collier Seminole SP, December 9-12. We have 6 campsites at HH and 5 at CS. 9 people have already signed up for HH and

8. Plant Swap – Saturday, March 20, 10 am – 12 pm

- Will be held at Shirley’s house and open to SNPS (or FNPS?) members.
- Participants must rsvp to get the address and directions. These will **not** be printed in the newsletter.
- The rules are “bring a plant, take a plant”. One plant for each one you bring. The remainders will be given to whoever wants them.
- Plants or seeds should include a card or envelope with: **scientific name, water and light requirements and mature size**. *They can also include information like common name, value to wildlife, pest or disease problems etc*
- People must wear **masks and social distance** and should bring their own water, snacks, carts, etc.
- Janet will bring her folding table and Shirley has an area under her carport that could be used for display of small items. Tina can bring the storage shed table.
- It was not decided if we should cap the number of participants.

9. Plant Sale – April 10, 2021. 9 am – 2 pm

- We paid registration for the USF Plant Sale last year and will leave that money with the Botanical Gardens until needed.
- We will use tables only for checkout (2) and display (2) unless they are already available and set up. We will not sell books. Display items from storage shed and Wildflower Foundation and FANN brochures, membership brochures and West Coast Landscaping guides.
- Virginia would like us to order more plants, including 3-gallon, for spring. Troy has volunteered his truck.
- Virginia and Janet will visit Green Seasons on April 6 to pick out plants. Plants will be transferred on April 9.
- Tina will bring storage shed items.

10. Newsletter: Shirley Denton

- Submissions for the April newsletter should be sent by March 25.

Action Items:

Virginia: Create link for next week’s meeting and send to Tina. Contact about Randy’s PowerPoint.

Niki: Complete renewals. Check on sign engraving or printing. Cash and Square for sale.

Steve: April field trip. **Mike:** assisting Virginia with USF.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Tuesday, April 13, at 7 pm.

Tina (Mable C) Patterson, SNPS secretary