

Suncoast Native Plant Society, Board of Directors Meeting- Minutes

March 10, 2025 – 7 pm, on Zoom

The meeting began at 7 pm: Virginia, Tina, Mike, Niki, Merrilee, Linda, and Theresa 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 February minutes were posted to the website.

2. Treasurer's Report: Theresa Blanchard

- The Treasurer's report was sent to all board members via email.
- MeetUp charged us twice for our subscription. Tina will contact them.
- Theresa is finishing the FDACS report and will send a draft for review.
- The board will wait for further clarification on the survey sent out by FNPS. We are told that we cannot receive membership money until it is completed. Niki says that FNPS already has the information needed for direct deposit to our account. Theresa will check with Kim in accounting@fnps.org.
- Theresa has not received the new Suncoast card yet.

3. Grants and Expenditures: Niki, Theresa and Virginia

- Life Storage is now Extra Space Storage. The price has increased to \$140/month.
- Tina took the organizer position for the MeetUp account and paid a 1-year fee of \$299.99 using the Suncoast card.

4. PR Report:

- March 8: Spring Festival at Vista Gardens, Carrollwood. Niki, Tina and Mike attended. Niki has been asked to give a classroom talk. Kids/family activities were most popular.
- Suncoast needs a new social media and communications person. Susan Early has volunteered to help with Facebook.
- Merrilee has a request that we provide remembrances for the State Conference on Suncoast members who passed away recently. Tina will look up Harriett Wright and Bob Scheible.

5. Gardens and Outreach:

- Donated books will be given away at meetings and at the Plant Sale. Unclaimed books will be donated to the library.
- Garden workdays will continue to be on the fourth Tuesday (Lettuce Lake) and third Wednesday (Bell Creek),
- Mary Miller would like to add a workday at Flatwoods on the *second Thursday* of each month. She has requested all participants rsvp to her.

6. Membership Meetings/Speakers: Everyone

- **March:** no meeting on the 19th. Tina will publicize the Sierra meeting with Shirley Denton on the 12th.
- **April 16:** Allan Feldman, Gardening for Climate Change, in person; need a library
- **May 21:** Francisco Faria, on Zoom

- **June 18:** Megan Moore of Pasco UF/IFAS to speak. She has 2 topics we can choose from on sea grass and shorelines.
- **September 17:** Tia Silvasy at the Extension Office, 7 pm; Bell Creek restoration project and garden
- Janet Bowers has invited us to return to her yard for a visit, maybe for a meeting.

7. Field Trips: Tina and Merrilee

- **March 22: Chito Branch Reserve**
- **May 17, (8am start):** USF Forest Preserve with Neal Halstead; Neal is getting permissions from ECore.

8. Spring Plant Sale: April 12 and 13, 2025

- The registration from fall will be applied to the April sale. The tables are the same. Theresa to send in paperwork.
- Virginia will check with Troy on a driver for the April 10 delivery, and with Steve Farnsworth about trees.
- Virginia will send out last year's plant list for review and suggestions.
- Theresa will prepare the cash box and charge the Square reader (tap reader). The Square app connects to Virginia's phone. Other sign in info will remain the same.

9. Newsletter:

- Tina sends out an email twice a month to our members.

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

Virginia: plant sale and Zoom **Niki:** treasurer transition; May and June meetings. **Theresa:** complete FDACS form for submission and prepare Plant Sale registration **Tina:** volunteers for plant sale; MeetUp; May field trip; April and September meetings. **Merrilee:** obits for conference, April field trip

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday, April 14, at 7 pm on Zoom.

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