

Suncoast Native Plant Society, Board of Directors Meeting- Minutes

May 12, 2024 – 7 pm, on Zoom

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

2. Treasurer's Report:

- The treasurer's report was sent to all board members via email.
- It was noted that profits were down again this year.

3. Grants and Expenditures:

- A motion was passed 5-0 to spend up to \$200 to buy plants from Troy for the joint meeting.
- A motion was passed 5-0 to offer a \$100 honorarium to Janet Bowers for hosting the May meeting.
- A motion was tabled to make a \$100 honorarium standard for all speakers.

4. PR Report:

- [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

5. Gardens and Outreach:

- FNPS science committee has issued a position statement on Monarchs and Milkweeds. Shirley will put a link to the document on our website.
- 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.
- The Education Committee would also like to focus on youth programs and activities. Shirley suggested checking FNPS resources.
- [Linda asked us to consider the topic of providing outreach to people outside of our club. Suggestions were made about YouTube videos to share.] from February
- 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.

6. Membership Meetings/Speakers: Everyone

- Niki suggested dividing up the job of finding speakers among all board members.
- **May 18, Saturday:** Members-only visit to Janet Bowers' yard. Like February. Tina is arranging rsvps.
- **June 19:** Mark Kateli has offered to host a trivia game on Zoom. Tina is in communication.
- **July 17, Wednesday:** Joint Meeting at Tampa Garden Club. Audubon is hosting. The speaker is Dr. Paul Gray, Everglades Science Coordinator for Audubon. Virginia will not be at the meeting and will need a stand-in. Tina will

contact Ann Paul about whether Audubon wants centerpieces to give away to guests (NO plants sales). Virginia will let Troy know. Linda will pick up plants from Troy's. The plants should include labels.

- Susan Heyer will give a talk on working with HOAs and community associations. Suggested time, fall, and location, Southshore Library.
- Shirley suggested Marjorie Shropshire and Ginny Stibolt on Zoom when their new book comes out.

7. Field Trips: Tina and Merrilee

- **May 11:** Cockroach Creek
- **June 22:** not decided

8. Fall Plant Sale:

- Sale dates probably October 11 and 12. Niki has not received any information yet.
- It was suggested that we not order blue curls or lantana.

9. Newsletter: Shirley Denton

- Susan plans to write an article on the King's Point common area project. We may hold this to coincide with her talk.
- The newsletter will be published quarterly. Shirley should set up a schedule for which months a newsletter will be provided.
- Shirley can find a place on our website for us to publish photos from meetings, workdays and/or field trips.

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

Virginia: order plants from Troy, if needed **Shirley:** pdf for landscape brochure, link to FNPS position document, newsletter schedule, poster, QR code sheets. **Niki:** print poster **Tina:** organize May meeting, communicate with Mark about June and Ann about July **Linda:** pick up plants for July meeting, look for short YouTube videos on natives **Susan:** article on outreach activities and garden project.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday, June 10, at 7 pm on Zoom.

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