

## Suncoast Native Plant Society, Board of Directors Meeting- Minutes

May 11, 2026 – 7 pm, on Zoom

The meeting began at 7 pm: Virginia, Tina, Mike, Merrilee, and Theresa in attendance. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom.

Board Meetings will normally be held on the *second Monday of each month*. **Next Month, June 8, 2026**

**Niki Marino resigned from the Suncoast Board effective May 11.**

### 1. Minutes: Tina Patterson

- The April minutes were posted to the website.

### 2. Treasurer's Report: Theresa Blanchard

- The treasurer's report was sent to all board members via email.
- The FDACS issue should be resolved now.
- Suncoast owes no additional sales tax from last year. **Theresa** will call them.

### 3. Grants and Expenditures: Theresa and Virginia

- The final payment to Troy for plants is still being calculated.
- Suncoast owes US\$ \$1683.40. **Theresa** is waiting for an invoice.
- The Board voted 5-0 to give Troy \$600 for the use of the trailer and employee for the plant sale. **Theresa** will arrange the payment.
- **Theresa** volunteered to buy supplies for the joint meeting. She will talk to Tina about what is needed.
- Plant City Commons Community Garden has applied for a \$500 grant to expand and improve the native plant section of the garden. Sharon Spires is the contact. **Michelle** and **Merrilee** did the site visit and recommended funding for plants and signage, but not shell or gravel for the path. The Board voted 5-0 to provide \$400 to Plant City Commons Community Garden for plants and signage. The Board directed that the plants be purchased from Springer Environmental Nursery in Plant City. **Tina** will contact Sharon and copy Theresa.
- Learning Gate Community School of Lutz has applied for a \$500 grant for supplies and equipment to start a propagation program. **Merrilee**, **Mike**, and **Tina** visited the site and recommended funding the project. Jenni Healy is the contact. The Board voted 5-0 to provide \$500 for the supplies listed in the grant. **Tina** will contact Jenni and copy Theresa.

### 4. PR Report: Michelle

- **Michelle** created a trifold brochure about Suncoast and FNPS. The copies for the plant sale were distributed and the Board will discuss a larger volume printing when Michelle is available.

### 5. Gardens and Outreach: Tina

- Garden workdays will continue to be on the second Thursday (Flatwoods), fourth Tuesday (Lettuce Lake) and third Wednesday (Bell Creek), in 2026. Hours are 8am-10am (8:30-10:30 for Flatwoods).

### 6. Membership Meetings/Speakers: Everyone

- **May 20:** Tia Saracino at UF/IFAS Extension on Native Cultivars. **Merrilee** will present "What's Blooming". This will be the last meeting that Virginia will conduct.

- **No plan for June yet**
- **July 15:** Joint Meeting at Tampa Garden Club. Suncoast is host. **Niki** has invited Meredith Budd, Deputy Director of the Live Wildly Foundation, to be our speaker. **Tina** is communicating with Audubon and Sierra.
- **October 21:** Extension with Tia.

#### **7. Field Trips: Merrilee and Tina**

- **May 16:** Blackwater Creek Preserve, 8am
- No other field trips have been decided.

#### **8. Plant Sale: October 10 and 11, 2026**

#### **9. Newsletter and News:**

- **Tina** sends out an email twice a month to our members.
- **Michelle** will post events to Facebook.

**10. Elections:** Elections were not discussed at the meeting.

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

**Virginia:** May meeting **Theresa:** contact on sales tax and grant payments; joint meeting supplies **Tina:** joint meeting

**Merrilee:** May meeting and field trip **Michelle:** print costs for trifold brochures

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

**The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday, June 8, 7pm on Zoom**

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