

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

November 7, 2018, Cracker Barrel, Seffner

The meeting began at 5:00 pm with Virginia and Tina; Niki and Tina at 5:45 pm. A quorum was not available.

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

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

- Niki emailed a report to the Board. Tina printed and entered it into the record.

**3. Grants and Expenditures**

- SNPS usually gives a \$500 grant to the USF Herbarium in November or December. Alan Franck is no longer director. Niki said she could talk to Alan's successor and that maybe we could set up a meeting with him/her and deliver our grant at the same time.
- Should Suncoast make a donation to the *Warea* land acquisition project ?
- SNPS to give speaker \$50 at this month's meeting.

**4. PR Report: Andy Taylor (absent)**

**5. Gardens and Outreach: Tina Patterson**

- The last Plant Walk this year is November 24 at Lettuce Lake. Joel will be out of town and Virginia said she would help out.
- Tina has sent a schedule for 2019 to Chris Kiddy and Joel Jackson. We are moving the walks to the first Saturday of each month to avoid conflicts with field trips. Tina will need to find out how to get this on our webpage and the FNPS calendar.
- Niki will continue to plan for a workshop targeting county staff and environmental professionals.

**6. Membership Meetings/Speakers: Virginia Overstreet**

- November 7 - (changed due to Thanksgiving, date confirmed with JoAnn)- John Lampkin , 'Bugs in your Bloomers' annual membership meeting and election of officers
- Dec 1- holiday party with other area chapters at Brooker Creek Preserve; SNPS will provide ham and turkey but not as much as last time. The speaker is James Stevens. He will also lead a guided walk. The November Grapevine contains a link to sign up.
- Virginia will check availability of Seminole Heights Library for next year.

**7. Field Trips/Campouts: Tina Patterson**

- Nov 9- Tina has arranged for John Lampkin to lead us on a tour of the Sun City Center Nature Trails. This is a weekday trip, to see how much interest this generates. John is the November speaker.
- Nov 17- Blackwater Creek Preserve. Wagon tour is arranged at \$5 per person with a minimum of 10 people and a maximum of 20. Tina is taking reservations and Shirley will be leader the day of the trip.
- The Holiday Party is set for December 1 at Brooker Creek in Pinellas County. Virginia is coordinating with their president.
- Should we do a December 15 field trip?

## 8. Plant Sale:

- Plant sale totals included in the Treasurer's report.

## 9. Board of Directors and Officers

- Devon suggested we postpone elections until January to allow more time to find nominees.
- JoAnn has declined to serve on the nominating committee. A committee has not been named.
- Shirley said she would serve on the board next year but will not be here for some parts of the year.
- The current board have agreed to serve again. We will need a newsletter editor next year.
- We would like to have a planning meeting in early December to outline activities and priorities for 2019. Shirley would be available December 11. We would also like Janet, Devon, and Steve and any other interested members to attend.

### Action Items:

#### Virginia:

- Book speakers and obtain bios and talk summaries from them. Send bios to Janet for newsletter and Tina for MeetUp and website.
- Attend Council of Chapters meetings. Ask about state conference ads and grant donation for next year.
- Communicate with Pasco and Pinellas chapters about December 1 event.
- **Look for new meeting location.**

#### Niki

- Investigate interest in and possibility of offering a plant id continuing education course.
- Contact new Herbarium director about grant.

#### Tina:

- Make contacts and communications with those listed in minutes, including Devon, Janet and Shirley.
- Maintain MeetUp and website. Learn how to put the plant walk pdf on the website and change the dates on the calendar.
- Coordinate November field trips.

#### Andy:

- Publicize chapter events and activities. Post events on our Facebook page, including meetings and field trips.
- Talk with Mary McCann about possible Board position.

The next board meeting will be at Virginia's house at 6 pm on December 11, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Tina Patterson, secretary