

Suncoast Native Plant Society, Board of Directors Meeting- Notes

November 10, 2020 – 7 pm, on GoToMeeting

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

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

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

- Niki sent the treasurer's report to all board members.
- Niki completed the gift memberships with FNPS, renewed our storage shed lease, paid out grant monies for 2 projects and will complete sales tax paperwork for January.

3. **Grants and Expenditures: Niki Cribbs and Virginia Overstreet**

- Virginia has completed the purchases for the Middleton High School grant and sent receipts to Niki.
- Virginia was authorized to buy hand sanitizer, disposable masks and signage for the plant sale.

4. **PR Report:**

- Virginia received an email from Julia Herbst about SNPS participating in a sustainability focus group. Virginia has volunteered to represent us at the November 17, 1 pm – 2:30 pm, on-line meeting

5. **Gardens and Outreach:**

- Virginia suggested we contribute plants left over from the plant sale to county parks' gardens.

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

- **November 18– Anita Camacho- NABA Tampa Bay- "Hillsborough County Butterflies"** and general election meeting.
- **December 16** – We plan to hold an on-line meeting where members can share their photos with the group. We will run it like the Audubon Photo Club. Everyone who wants to share can send up to 5 pictures to Virginia who will put them in a PowerPoint. Deadline to submit is one week ahead, **December 9**. These can be travel photos, garden photos or questions about plants.
- It was also suggested that we get a report (with pictures) on the two current grant projects for the December meeting. Kenny (Middleton) and Jared (Morris Bridge) will be invited to speak in person, if they wish.

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

- **November 21 – J B Starkey Wilderness Preserve.** Changed date and location. We will meet at the Education Center parking lot at 9 am.

8. **Plant Sale- November 14**

- Virginia, Niki, Mike and Merrilee will pick up plants Friday morning, November 13, at 10:15 am and have them at USF by noon.
- Tina, Shirley and Vikki will meet at 11 am at the storage shed and load the table, stakes, plant id box, event sign and supplies to take to USF by noon.
- Virginia will send out Facebook reminders and shares and Tina will send members a reminder on Thursday night.

- Virginia will check with Kim on parking, social distancing signs and when the gates will be open.
- Virginia will look for write-on signs we can put on the street advertising the sale.
- **hours** for the sale are **9 am – 2 pm**. We would like to arrive by 8 am on Saturday.
- **Supplies needed:** signs about masks and social distancing (**maybe USF has some available**), hand sanitizer at entrance and check out. Tables. Stakes and ID cards. Price tags and other seller supplies. Cash box and Squares. For those people who will help cash out, the credit card Square reader has to be plugged into your phone. The Square reader plugs in with a headphone jack type connector. If you have a newer iPhone it won't take a headphone jack and you'll need to bring an adapter.

10. Election of Board Members, November 18

- All current board members, Anita Camacho and Janet Bowers have agreed to be on the board.
- Barbara Fite, Nanette O'Hara and Pat Lantis are the nominating committee. Tina has contacted them with the volunteer names and there were no additional candidates. Nominations can still be made from the floor the day of the meeting.
- **For elections, either Virginia or a nominating committee member will read the names that were submitted by the nominating committee. A vote by all members present on the meeting will be taken to approve the slate. The vote can be by chat or phone. Additional nominations will be taken from the floor and voted on separately.**
- The newly elected board will determine officer positions at its December meeting.
- The board would like to continue holding meetings using GoToMeeting.

11. Newsletter: Shirley Denton

- Submissions for the December newsletter should be sent by November 26 (Thanksgiving Day).

Action Items:

Virginia: Create link for next week's meeting and send to Tina. Plant sale. Sustainability panel.

Niki: Go with Virginia to transport plants. Bring supplies: cash box, change, Square card readers, one table (it's a smaller one, like 2x4' size), pens, sales "chits" & stock certificate (although it's probably not going to be asked for like at the big sales)

Tina: Get events on calendar, MeetUp and website. Supplies for plant sale from shed.

Shirley: newsletter, help carry supplies from shed

Mike: Plant transport and plant sale set up.

Steve: Saturday plant sale

The meeting was adjourned at 8 pm.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday, December 7, at 7 pm.

Tina (Mable C) Patterson, SNPS secretary