

Suncoast Native Plant Society, Board of Directors Meeting- Minutes

November 7, 2022 – 7 pm, on Zoom

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

1. Minutes: Tina Patterson

- The October minutes were posted to the website.

2. Treasurer's Report: Niki Cribbs

- Niki sent the October reports via email.
- Profit from the fall plant sale was about \$1700, which is consistent with past years.
- Niki will email the draft budget for 2023 to the board.

3. Grants and Expenditures: Niki Cribbs and Virginia Overstreet

- The honorarium for Kenny Coogan was sent and his book has been ordered for the library.
- The board voted to make a \$100 donation to FNPS when Lynda Davis speaks at our October meeting.
- Troy's gas cards were delivered but he has just renewed his membership. Shirley will find out what type he has, and then we can extend his current membership by 1 year.
- Niki ordered a new Dell laptop. Sales tax will be refunded. Software may not be available in time for the meeting so Niki will bring her laptop to the meeting.
- T-shirt orders. The board would like to have members order their own. Companies to explore are Bonfire, Custom Ink and Teespring. Once we have pricing we can decide if we want to use as a fundraiser.
- JoAnn Hoffman wants swamp milkweed for the Extension Office garden. She is going to try growing some before asking us for money. Item tabled.

4. PR Report:

- Virginia introduced Kat (Kathryn) Jones. Kat is a mother and elementary science teacher who has offered to coordinate the Suncoast Facebook account. The board thanks Kat for volunteering.
- There will be no newsletter in December. Tina will get profiles from Kat, Linda and Susan Heyer before the January newsletter.

5. Gardens and Outreach: Tina Patterson

- Tina has made an inventory of the library books owned by Suncoast. Virginia, Merrilee and Tina sorted all our books into recycle, give away, sell at meetings and keep for library. Tina will post a list of library books on our website and allow checkouts for all but Ethnobotany and The Native Orchids of Florida, which will be reference only. Members may request a book be brought to the next meeting for checkout. This should be ready by January.
- Shirley suggested that we should acquire the other volumes of the Flora of Florida series for the library. There is usually a sale at the conference.
- **December 3** – clean up in Shirley's yard for holiday party. Tina and Steve have volunteered.

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

- **November 16**- elections, Troy Springer,

- **December 10** – Holiday Party, potluck and plant swap at Shirley’s.
- **January 18-** “What Should I Plant Here?” on ZOOM, send pictures to Virginia one week before meeting
- *Suggestions for speakers needed!* Bring suggestions to December BoD meeting. Already suggested: Craig Huegel on Botanical Gardens plans, Karla Alvarado on Plant Atlas.
- Locations for future meetings still to be determined. Also need location for Joint Meeting in July.

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

- **November 19-** Hillsborough River State Park
- **December 10-** potluck party and plant swap at Shirley’s, 11 am – 3 pm. RSVP to Tina. We will provide paper goods, utensils, table and tablecloths, ice and drinks (water?). Make signs for driveway.
- The board discussed Garden Tours. We need to get names of people willing to open their gardens, pick an area of the county and discuss arrangements. We will offer as a field trip.

8. Plant Sale – April 2023

- We may have to make supplier changes because Green Seasons Nursery is being sold.

9. Newsletter: Shirley Denton

- Submissions for the **January** newsletter should be sent by **December 25**. NO newsletter in December. Tina will send reminders that month. Topics for January are: “What Should I Plant Here?” instructions, profiles of new board members, library checkout procedures

10. Elections: Virginia and Steve: November 16

- Only those members present at meeting vote. Steve will introduce candidates and take nominations from the floor.
- Nominating Committee: Steve Dickman, Barbara Fite and Merrilee Wallbrunn
- Current board is returning except for Steve. New nominees are Linda Steele-Green and Susan Heyer.

Action Items:

Tina: board profiles, storage shed items for party, library checkouts **Shirley:** Troy membership type

Niki: laptop for meeting, install new software

Steve: board nominees **Everyone:** speaker suggestions for next year

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.

The next Board of Directors meeting is December 5 at 7 pm on Zoom

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