

Suncoast Native Plant Society, Board of Directors Meeting- Minutes

November 13, 2023 – 7 pm, on Zoom

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

2. Treasurer's Report:

- The treasurer's report was sent to all board members via email.
- The profit from the fall plant sale was \$2088.49. Tina asked if this included Troy's plants and payments.

3. Grants and Expenditures:

- **Tina** requested money to buy paper goods, drinks, and sandwiches for the December 9 picnic. A motion was passed 5-0 to allow Tina to spend up to \$300 on supplies for the picnic.
- **Virginia** asked the board's approval to send our old computer for recycling. The request was approved 5-0.
- **Shirley** will create more laminated QR code sheets to use at the plant sale and other outreach events. We need at least 3. She requested a picture of the old one as a model. Virginia asked that the website be included on it.

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.

5. Gardens and Outreach:

- Merrilee is receiving requests for site visits. We have 2 this month, Tampa Family Health Center November 14 and Ybor Heights Neighborhood Association on the 28th.
- Virginia, Linda, Tina and Merrilee visited Linda's church property on November 3.

6. Membership Meetings/Speakers: Everyone

- **November 15– elections**; Mary Miller, 7 pm at Jimmie B Keel was canceled due to Mary's illness and surgery. The board elections will need to be rescheduled.
- **December 9- Holiday picnic and potluck.** Lettuce Lake pavilion 9 is reserved.
- JoAnn Hoffman is retiring early next year (March). It is recommended we hold a few more meetings at the Extension before that date. Shirley suggested C. Blythe Andrews as a convenient meeting place in future.
- Jordan Parker has volunteered to give a talk on butterflies and their host and nectar plants. **Someone** needs to contact him to set up a meeting date for a Zoom talk.
- Janet Bowers sent an email recommending "Wildlife of Myakka" as a possible meeting.
- Niki suggested dividing up the job of finding speakers among **all board members**.

7. Field Trips:

- **November 18-** Lake Dan Nature Preserve

- There will be no December field trip.
- Steve is stepping down as field trip leader.
- **Linda** wants wagon tours. She will contact the Hillsborough County Environmental Lands Management Program to see if they are available, what the cost will be and what minimum number of people are required.

8. Fall Plant Sale:

- As discussed above, we need a poster showing our activities and 3 QR code sheets for the next sale.
- Virginia said we need to check the sale area for vines and bring clippers to cut them back.

9. Elections:

- Elections to the board need to be rescheduled.
- **Anita** will not serve on the board next year. All other members have indicated they will return.
- Barbara Fite and Merrilee Wallbrunn have volunteered for the nominating committee. We need one more member.

10. Newsletter: Shirley Denton

- There was no November newsletter. There will be no December newsletter.
- A list of those running for the board and brief bio of each for the January newsletter.
- Theresa Blanchard is setting up t-shirt sales. Put information on ordering in newsletter.
- Ask for suggestions for field trips from members.
- Start a seed and plant swap column in the newsletter. **Virginia** will start it out. Members using this will need to share their email.

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

Virginia: recycle old laptop; write seed/plant swap info for newsletter **Shirley:** newsletter, poster, QR code sheets. **Niki:** print poster **Tina:** collect bios for newsletter; holiday picnic supplies. **Linda:** contact county on wagon tours. **Everyone:** provide a brief bio for the newsletter (picture?) **Someone:** contact Jordan Parker about speaking on Zoom

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.

The next Board of Directors meeting is on Monday, January 8, at 7 pm on Zoom.

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