

Suncoast Native Plant Society, Board of Directors Meeting- Minutes

November 18, 2024 – 7 pm, on Zoom

The meeting began at 7 pm: Virginia, Tina, Mike, Niki, 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: Niki Marino

- The Treasurer's report was sent to all board members via email.
- Theresa Blanchard has volunteered to serve as treasurer next year.

3. Grants and Expenditures: Niki and Virginia

- The Board voted 5-0 to reimburse Tina for up to \$200 for holiday party expenses.
- The Board indicated they would be willing to provide a student scholarship for conference registration.
- Niki forward information on using the fnps account for future Zoom meetings.
- Niki will try to cancel MeetUp or give Tina credit card information to cancel it.

4. PR Report:

- Suncoast was invited by Hillsborough County CELM to participate in Fire Fest, January 25, 2025. Tina will contact Ashley Martin and look for volunteers. Virginia and Linda will help bring supplies.
- Suncoast needs a new Facebook, Instagram, and newsletter person. Tina volunteered to help with Facebook.

5. Gardens and Outreach:

- Harriett Wright's daughter is donating books to Suncoast. Linda will pick them up and take them to Tina.

6. Membership Meetings/Speakers: Everyone

- Niki suggested dividing up the job of finding speakers among all board members.
- **November 20:** Online show-and-tell on "Favorite Fall Wildflowers"; elections scheduled
- **December 14, 11 am – 2 pm, Trout Creek Park, Shelter 3:** Holiday Picnic and Plant Swap
- **January:** Susan Heyer will give a talk on working with HOAs and community associations. Suggested time and location, a Saturday or Sunday, Southshore Library
- **February:** Jordan Parker
- Janet Bowers has invited us to return to her yard for a visit, maybe as a meeting.

7. Field Trips: Tina and Merrilee

- **November 16:** Field Trip to Lower Green Swamp Preserve
- **November 23:** Field Trip to Bullfrog Creek WEA (make up for October)
- **February 3-7:** camping at Long Pine Key campground in Everglades National Park

8. Fall Plant Sale: October 12 and 13 Canceled

- Niki completed registration. The registration will be applied to the April sale.
- Virginia has FANN and Wildflower Foundation materials.

9. Newsletter:

- Discussion on whether to replace the newsletter with a monthly email. Tina and Susan will look at the Pinellas Chapter example.

10. Elections:

- Elections are scheduled for the November meeting.
- Niki will be stepping down as treasurer.
- Shirley has resigned as vice president.
- Merrilee Wallbrunn and Theresa Blanchard will join the Board. Merrilee has volunteered for Council of Chapters representative and Theresa for treasurer.

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

Virginia: November meeting **Niki:** arranging to hand over financial duties **Tina:** December party **Linda:** books from Harriett's daughter **Susan:** select a date for a meeting and presentation at Southshore, planning for an email newsletter

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday, December 9, at 7 pm on Zoom.

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