

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

October 7, 2024 – 7 pm, on Zoom

The meeting began at 7 pm: Virginia, Tina, Mike, and Niki 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 September minutes were posted to the website.

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

- The Treasurer's report was sent to all board members via email.
- The next deadline is FDACS in November
- We need a treasurer for next year. Duties include completing forms related to our state certificates and 503c status, paying bills, and producing a monthly report from the bank statements and using a spreadsheet and Drop Box.

### 3. Grants and Expenditures: Niki and Virginia

- Honorariums were sent to Mark Kateli and Michael Jenkins for speaking.
- Virginia was reimbursed for shirt prizes.

### 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.
- Hillsborough CELM asked us to participate in the Hiking Spree Kick-Off at Wortham Park on November 2. Tina will lead a hike in February for the Hiking Spree. Update 10/28: kick-off event postponed until December. Tina will attend if the date is possible.
- Suncoast needs a new Facebook, Instagram, and newsletter person.

### 5. Gardens and Outreach: Tina

- Update 10/28: Some of our supported gardens are still closed (Trout Creek and Morris Bridge). The Bell Creek workday was canceled. The workday at Lettuce Lake was able to proceed as scheduled on October 22. The plant walk will also be held November 2, although routes may vary.

### 6. Membership Meetings/Speakers: Everyone

- Niki suggested dividing up the job of finding speakers among all board members.
- **October 16:** canceled
- **November 20:** Tina suggested an 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

- **October 20:** Bullfrog Creek WEA canceled; the area is still closed
- **October 24-27:** *Update 10/28:* All reservations through October 31 were canceled by the park reservation system. Camping at Myakka River State Park. We have #35 - #39 reserved in the OP (Old Prairie) campground.
- **February 3-7:** camping at Long Pine Key campground in Everglades National Park
- **November 23 (or 16):** not yet decided; maybe Bullfrog WEA will reopen

## 8. Fall Plant Sale: October 12 and 13 Canceled

- Niki completed registration.
- *Update 10/28:* USF Botanical Gardens offered a make-up date in November. Suncoast will not participate.
- **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.

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

**Virginia:** letter to members about elections and vacancies **Niki:** arranging to hand over financial duties **Tina:** volunteers for December and February **Linda:** books for plant sale **Susan:** select a date for a meeting and presentation at Southshore, planning for an email newsletter

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm.

**The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday, November 18 at 7 pm on Zoom.**

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