

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

October 6, 2025 – 7 pm, on Zoom

The meeting began at 7 pm: Virginia, Tina, Mike, Theresa, Merrilee, Linda and Niki attending. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom.

Board Meetings will normally be held on the *second Monday of each month*. **Next Month, November 10**

### 1. Minutes: Tina Patterson

- The September minutes were posted to the website.

### 2. Treasurer's Report: Theresa Blanchard

- The treasurer's report was sent to all board members via email.
- FDACS needs to do an inspection. Theresa will tell them to come to the Botanical Gardens for the sale.
- A \$500 donation was made to Suncoast by Ann Paul.
- The \$5 service fee on our account is for check images. Theresa will cancel that.
- **Theresa and Virginia** will visit the bank in the second week of November for the cd purchase.

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

- Merrilee still needs payment for plants for the Joint Meeting.
- The board voted to make a \$100 donation to Tampa Bay Butterfly Foundation.
- **Merrilee** will find the cost of printing a new brochure from sent from FNPS.
- Suncoast will be terminating the library. Books will be offered first to members, then sold or given away.

### 4. PR Report:

- Suncoast invited to table and lead walks at Hiking Spree Kickoff, November 1 at Lettuce Lake. **Tina** will coordinate this and look for volunteers.
- Troy Springer has asked Suncoast to table at his open house October 18&19. **Tina** is looking for volunteers.
- April Scott, Melanated Homeschool Cooperative, has asked for a guided hike with activities at Lettuce Lake on October 17. Allison and **Niki** will lead the walks at 11:30. Tina will assist as needed and Virginia will take photos.
- Nature Coast has asked for volunteers to take shifts at Florida State Fair, February 5-16, 2026. Volunteers get into the fair free. Nature Coast will provide the materials and display.
- County CELM has invited us to table at Fire Fest at Medard Park on February 21, 2026.
- Audubon's Birding and Nature Festival will be in April next year.

### 5. Gardens and Outreach: Tina

- Garden workdays will continue to be on the fourth Tuesday (Lettuce Lake) and third Wednesday (Bell Creek),
- Mary Miller directs a workday at Flatwoods on the *second Thursday* of each month. She has requested all participants rsvp to her. Time is now 8am – 10 am.

## 6. Membership Meetings/Speakers: Everyone

- **October 13:** Niki will present with the microscope. Virginia scheduled Little Red Wagon for the meeting. Virginia will check on the date with Niki and LRW. Niki will visit the location.
- **November 19:** Megan Moore on Zoom. This is designated for elections. Tina will contact.
- **December 6:** Theresa has offered her house and yard for the party.

## 7. Field Trips: Tina and Merrilee

- **October 5:** Brooker Creek Headwaters
- **October 25:** Bullfrog Creek WEA, 9 am start time (moved because of other events)
- **November 2-6:** Camping at Jonathan Dickinson SP; campers should make their own reservations.
- **November 22:** Tina will ask Megan Moore if she wants to lead a field trip to a mangrove or shoreline area.

## 8. Fall Plant Sale: October 11 & 12, 2025

- Theresa has registered and we have the same space.
- Theresa, Ty, and Emilio will meet at Earth Balance for plants. Troy is sending some, too. She may add some wild lime. She will call Tina to contact volunteers to unload at USF Thursday.
- Virginia has not heard from Steve Farnsworth. She will email him.
- Tina will request volunteers for Thursday-Sunday.

## 9. Newsletter and News:

- Tina sends out an email twice a month to our members. She will send one Friday before the Plant Sale.
- Merrilee will attend the State FNPS meeting on October 11. We have questions about alternative chapter structures and the information needed for the new website.

**10. Elections:** Normally held at the November meeting. We will again need new board members who want to have input on meetings, speakers and locations. Board members elect officers at the first meeting of the new board. All officer positions are available, as well as newsletter, Facebook, and membership.

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

**Virginia:** October meeting date and location; bank visit with Theresa **Niki:** October meeting and Homeschool Group

**Theresa:** Plant Sale; December party **Tina:** Plant Sale supplies and volunteers **Merrilee:** State Board meeting October 11. Brochure printing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 pm.

**The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday, November 10, at 7 pm on Zoom.**

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