

Suncoast Native Plant Society, Board of Directors Meeting- Notes

September 18, 2019 – 6:15 pm, Seminole Heights Library

The meeting began at 6:15 pm: Virginia, Niki, Tina, Tazia Stagg attending.

1. Minutes: The June minutes were posted to the website.

2. Treasurer's Report: Niki Cribbs

- Niki presented the treasurer's report, which was sent to all board members.
- Niki will continue to work on the chapter name problem. She will renew with the new names starting next year.

3. Grants and Expenditures:

- The \$400 for Morris Bridge is set up. We have asked Jared to provide pictures and a presentation after completion.
- The \$500 grant for the USF Herbarium has been received.
- \$250 was sent to Tampa Audubon for a sponsorship with the Birding and Wildlife Festival and was received.
- FANN had asked for support for their brochure but did not respond to an email.
- Virginia made a motion "That Suncoast present a check for \$100.00 to JoAnn Hoffman for her work providing club meeting facilities." This was approved by an email vote and will be presented at the October meeting.
- Virginia made a motion: "That Suncoast not enter a statewide fund for emergency relief but will handle its own emergencies and donate to other chapters on a case by case basis." A vote was taken by email and the wording was approved.

4. PR Report: October is Native Plant Month

5. Gardens and Outreach: Tina Patterson

- August 28- clean up in native plant garden at Flatwoods
- Lettuce Lake walks October 5 and November 2.
- Virginia attended the M-Cores workshop and public comment event in Tampa. FNPS was represented and Virginia spoke as a private citizen.
- Tina attended a meeting on the landscaping of the Youth Conservation Center in Apollo Beach. The property is 'rented' from TECO and run by FWC and FI Aquarium. It includes classrooms, activity centers and research stations. The FWC and Aquarium representatives want to put in native landscaping around the buildings and retention ponds and include a wildflower and butterfly garden. SweetBay Nursery is drawing up a plan and cost estimates. SNPS may be asked for volunteers to supervise and advise on planting. The work will be done by students, employees and community or TECO volunteers.

6. Membership Meetings/Speakers: Virginia Overstreet

- October 16- Seffner Extension Office, Brian Pinson, Hillsborough River State Park, on prescribed burns
- November 20- Seffner Extension Office, Niki Cribbs, on gopher tortoises. Tina will bring the computer.
- December 7- Holiday Party at Brooker Creek Preserve. Tina will bring sliced ham and/or turkey and condiments for the Suncoast contribution.
- January 15- Seffner Extension Office, Troy Springer on lessons learned in landscaping with native plants. The January meeting will be the annual meeting for Suncoast Chapter.
- The Seminole Heights Library will not be available in January, April, July or October.

- Suncoast is host for the 2020 July Joint Meeting with Sierra and Audubon. We will check availability of the Extension Office for July 15. Virginia is looking for a good speaker, perhaps Ginny Stibolt.
- JoAnn will be retiring sometime in the next few years. Virginia will inquire about using the Extension Office after that. Tina will look into library spaces in East Hillsborough.

7. Field Trips/Campouts: Tina Patterson/Shirley Denton

- September 21- Balm Scrub (Steve)
- October 25-27- Tillis Hill Camping. Citrus Tract of Withlacoochee SF. Day hikes on Saturday and Sunday.
- November 23- Rhodine Scrub Preserve (Shirley)

8. Plant Sale: October 11 (setup), 12 and 13

- Registration was sent in September 3 and same number of tables ordered as last year.
- Virginia has contacted Troy.
- Tina is requesting volunteers for the sale.
- Niki is available Friday to move items from storage with Tina.

9. Newsletter: Shirley Denton

- Submissions for the October newsletter should be sent by September 25.

Action Items:

Virginia:

- Check on availability of Ginny Stibolt for July 2020.
- Coordinate with Troy on plant sale.
- Reserve Seminole Heights Library for future meetings, as needed.

Niki:

- Organization name changes.

Tina:

- Contact volunteers for plant sale.

Shirley:

- Review by-laws for possible revisions and for compliance with FNPS Handbook.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be October 16 at Bob Evans in Seffner.

Tina Patterson, secretary