

Suncoast Native Plant Society, Board of Directors Meeting- Minutes

September 9, 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 August minutes were posted to the website.

2. Treasurer's Report: Niki Cribbs

- The Treasurer's report will be sent to all board members via email.
- Niki noted that the cost of MeetUp has nearly doubled. Maybe we should try some other advertising method.

3. Grants and Expenditures: Niki and Virginia

- A motion was made and passed 5-0 to donate \$100 to FNPS to thank Mark Kateli for the August meeting.
- The board also agreed to offer Michael Jenkins a \$100 honorarium for the September meeting.
- The board agreed to reimburse Mark Kateli for up to 3 FNPS scrub t-shirts to be used as prizes in the game night meeting.
- Virginia ordered the Suncoast t-shirt prizes and will be reimbursed by Suncoast.

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. Tina will try to find another organization attending the Hiking Spree Kick-Off event so that we can have some materials there.
- Suncoast needs a new Facebook admin.

5. Gardens and Outreach:

- Tina continues to look for volunteers for the Birding and Nature Festival and Fire Fest.
- Jordan Parker asked about providing plants to Schulz Preserve. We suggested he approach the county CELM administrators at Bell Creek first.

6. Membership Meetings/Speakers: Everyone

- Niki suggested dividing up the job of finding speakers among all board members.
- **September 18, Wednesday:** Michael Jenkins of FDACS will speak online. Niki to handle arrangements.
- Susan Heyer will give a talk on working with HOAs and community associations. Suggested time, fall, and location, Southshore Library. Maybe a Saturday or Sunday.
- Janet Bowers has invited us to return to her yard for a visit in the fall, maybe as a meeting.
- No decisions were made for October and November
- **December 14, 11 am – 2 pm, Trout Creek Park, Shelter 3:** Holiday Picnic and Plant Swap

7. Field Trips: Tina and Merrilee

- **September 21, 9 am – 12 pm:** Camp Bayou and Fossil Museum. Hike and Tour.
- **September 29, 9 am- 12 pm:** Vista Gardens in Carrollwood; guided tour
- **October 24-27:** 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

8. Fall Plant Sale: October 12 and 13

- **Niki** completed registration. The hours will be 9 am – 3 pm with garden members entering at 8:30.
- Plant delivery October 10 and set up October 11. **Tina** is recruiting volunteers for all 4 days.
- **Virginia** asked us to send laminating needs to her.
- **Linda** ordered copies of “Save the Butterflies” and will sell them for a donation at the Plant Sale.
- **Virginia** has FANN and Wildflower Foundation materials.
- **Niki** will set up the cash box and **Tina** will pick it up from her before the sale.

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, plant list for sale **Niki:** Michael Jenkins for September; Plant Sale box; arranging to hand over financial duties **Tina:** volunteers for October, November and February, plant sale supplies and cash box **Linda:** books for plant sale **Susan:** select a date for a fall meeting and presentation at Southshore, planning for an email newsletter

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

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

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