

Suncoast Native Plant Society, Board of Directors Meeting- Notes

February 20, 2019, Trip's Diner, Tampa

The meeting began at 5:00 pm. Virginia, Shirley, Mike, Tina, Barbara Fite and Anita Camacho.

The slate voted on at the membership meeting is included.

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

2. Treasurer's Report:

- Niki sent her report via email.

3. Grants and Expenditures:

- We carried over the \$500 grant to USF Herbarium from last year.

4. PR Report:

- Anita Camacho says she may be able to help with publicity and government contacts. She has worked with county and city officials on projects such as a proposed butterfly conservatory.

5. Gardens and Outreach: Tina Patterson

- Native Plant Walks at Lettuce Lake are now the first Saturday of each month except July, August and December. The next walk is March 2.
- Linda Steele-Green represented SNPS at the county prescribed fire demonstrations and festival at Medard Park.
- Anita suggested we table at Tampa Garden Fest held March 30 and 31 next to Rick's on the River.
- Tina will begin volunteer sign-ups for the Spring Plant Festival.

6. Membership Meetings/Speakers: Virginia Overstreet

- March 20- Seffner, at the Extension Office, "From Click to Pic", a photography workshop with John Lampkin. Members are encouraged to bring their cameras and manuals.
- April 17- Seminole Heights again? Virginia is looking for a speaker.
- Mike suggested we change our By-laws to move the annual meeting and elections to January.
- There was email discussion (Jan 20, 2019) on purchasing copies of "The Swamp" and "The Price of Feathers" to show at a future meeting and then donate to our library. Virginia will get prices and ordering details.

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

- March 23- Fishhawk Preserve (Fishhawk Blvd entrance) – a wagon tour was not possible this month, Shirley needs to check the entrance and parking for the area she has in mind.
- April 20 - a wagon tour or Annutteliga Hammock near Brooksville. Need to find out if Shirley is in town that date. Tina would also need a coordinator for a wagon tour because she will be out of town that week.
- Possible future locations: Upper Tampa Bay Conservation Park and the section of the Florida Trail on Chancey Rd in Pasco County. Shirley can provide details on these for the calendar (dates and or locations).
- Shirley suggested a late October or early November hike at the SWFMD site near Beeker State Park in Manatee.

8. Plant Sale:

- We would like to increase membership and book sales by setting up a dedicated table for these. Linda Steele-Green has expressed interest in doing the separate table. If Devon is available, she is also very good with books and memberships. Tina will reorder books.
- Virginia will contact Troy. Virginia and/or Mike will go with Troy to suppliers. Tina will take Virginia's place if she is out of town.

9. Board of Directors and Officers:

- Elections were advertised in the February newsletter. A vote by the members present at the February 20, 2019 meeting approved the following slate. There were no nominations from the floor.
- At this time: **2019 Board**
 - President - open
 - Virginia Overstreet – Vice President
 - Niki Cribbs – Treasurer
 - Tina Patterson – Secretary
 - Shirley Denton – newsletter and field trips
 - Mike Fite – at large
 - Steve Dickman- at large and field trips
- Anita Camacho may become a board member.
- Tina will send the information to FNPS.

Action Items:

Virginia:

- Book speakers and obtain bios and talk summaries from them. Send bios to Janet (Shirley) for newsletter and Tina for MeetUp, website, FNPS calendar and newspaper.
- Contact Troy Springer about buying for Plant Sale. Accompany him to visit suppliers with Mike.
- Advertise events on our SNPS Facebook page and share to FNPS.
- Check Seminole Heights Library for availability for future meetings.
- Get information on buying the videos to show at meetings and to share through our library.

Niki:

- Monitor dues payments from FNPS to SNPS.
- Complete registrations and tax documents for 2019.
- Complete Plant Sale registrations.

Tina:

- Get information to the newsletter editor and email reminders to members.
- Maintain MeetUp and website. List events in the FNPS calendar. Advertise meetings in papers and fliers. Contact new MeetUp members.
- Reorder books. Check on printing costs for "Bringing Home the Natives".
- Sign-up and contact volunteers for Plant Sale.

- Contact Herbarium director about grant and speaker or tour.
- Send new Board and officer information to FNPS.

Shirley:

- Decide on March field trip location (including parking site) and send information to Tina.
- Arrange changeover of newsletter responsibilities with Janet.
- Work with **Steve** and Tina to determine field trip locations and leaders for remainder of 2019.

We Should:

- Share information with Audubon and Sierra clubs.
- Continue to look for new meeting locations and consider changes to chapter activities.
- Continue looking for a president or consider co-presidents.
- Read the FNPS Handbook and check our chapter by-laws for compliance with FNPS rules and procedures.

The meeting was ended at 6:15 pm.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be March 20 at 5 pm. A location was not decided. Bob Evans?

Tina Patterson, secretary