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

**June 27, 2018, Beef O’Brady’s, Seffner**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm: Virginia, Andy, Tina and Niki attending.

**1. Minutes**: The May minutes were approved.

**2**. **Treasurer’s Report: Niki Cribbs (sent via email)**

* Niki reviewed the report she sent to the Board. There have been few grant requests but we are over budget in the “other garden support” category because of the park signage project. It was suggested that we move unused money from grants to cover it.
* Niki noted that Tonya Clayton had not cashed her check. Niki will contact Tonya to see what the problem is.
* Niki mailed a check on Monday to Melinda Spall for speaking at the June meeting.

**3. Grants and Expenditures**

* Niki spoke with Jared Bethune about the $400 grant we voted last month. He will contact us when work is finished in the proposed planting area.
* It was noted that there were no grants this year to FANN or to the state conference. No one remembers getting requests on these items. Virginia can ask at the Council of Chapters meeting.
* A request was sent to the chapter for help in replacing oaks at Archbold. They have a supplier and will do the planting.

A motion was made and carried to donate $23.70 for one 7-gallon oak.

* SNPS usually gives a $500 grant to the USF Herbarium in November or December.

**4. PR Report: Andy Taylor**

* Andy will continue to post meetings and other news items on our Facebook page.

**5. Gardens and Outreach: Tina Patterson**

* The next walk at Lettuce Lake is September 22. Tina will continue to coordinate with Joel Jackson.
* Johnson & Johnson will send 25 volunteers to Lettuce Lake on July 12 at 9 am. They will be doing clean up and invasive plant removal. Joel and Tina are directing teams and welcome any other members who would like to participate.
* Nikiwill be working on the plant identification course. We can get free classroom use at Lettuce Lake or Upper Tampa Bay Park if we are not charging money for the course. Mosaic facilities might also be available.

**6. Membership Meetings/Speakers: Virginia Overstreet**

* July 18 – joint meeting with Sierra and Audubon will be at the Extension Center. Tina should check with Devon to be sure we have table materials to distribute.
* The board voted to cancel the August meeting. This should go in the newsletter.
* September 19- George Heinrich- Gopher Tortoises
* October 17-Ginny Stibolt- new book ‘A Step-by-Step Guide to a Florida Native Yard’; Will she need accommodation?
* November 7 - (changed due to Thanksgiving, date confirmed with JoAnn)-possibly John Lampkin’s new talk; annual membership meeting and election of officers
* Dec 1- holiday party with other area chapters at Brooker Creek Preserve; Virginia attended an organizational meeting last month. SNPS will provide ham and turkey but not as much as last time. The speaker is James Stevens. He will also lead a guided walk.

**7. Field Trips/Campouts:**

* No field trips are scheduled for July or August. The Florida Aquarium has invited the board to tour and possibly set up a field trip for next year. Tina has contact information.
* Sep 22 - Lake Marion Creek Wildlife Management Area, Huckleberry entrance, to look for Dicerandra modesta and pine lily. This is east of Davenport in Polk County. (Or other Polk county site ?) Contact Shirley.
* Oct 18-19 - FANN convention in Bradenton. We need to check this on the FNPS page.
* Oct 27-29 - Silver Springs State Park. Tina has reserved two cabins for Saturday and Sunday nights. Tent and rv sites are available from the park. The cost of the cabins is $62.73 per person for 4 people in the cabin and $42 per person for 6 people.

So far, we have 3 spaces sold in the cabins. We should cancel the second cabin if no one else reserves by the September meeting.

* Nov 17- Blackwater Creek Preserve. Tina to check with Janet and Shirley to see if we should try to set up a wagon tour.
* The Holiday Party is set for December 1 at Brooker Creek in Pinellas County. Virginia is coordinating with their president. There will be workshops and walks during the day.

**8. Plant Sale :**

* Saturday morning was very busy and we really needed more volunteers. The fall sale is the same weekend as the Birding Festival. We need to get volunteer commitments early.
* It would be more efficient to set up a second table for cash only sales.
* Troy says he will not do the plant sale after the one in October. We will need to consider other options. Tina has a contact number for David Barnard, Cypress Acres Nursery, as a supplier. We discussed ways in which we could still work with Troy. Suggestions included doing the plant transport ourselves (would need a closed truck/trailer) or paying him a share of the revenue. We agreed to talk to him before the end of the year. Niki needs to know about the business transactions.

**9. Board of Directors and Officers**

* We need to appoint a nominating committee next month. Tina will contact Mike, Devon and JoAnn to see if they will help again.
* The Board of Directors needs new members. Andy said he would talk to Mary McCann about joining us.
* Everyone on the current board has agreed to stay in their present positions.

**Action Items:**

**Virginia :**

* Book speakers and obtain bios and talk summaries from them. Send bios to Janet for newsletter and Tina for MeetUp and website.
* Attend Council of Chapters meetings. Ask about state conference ads and grant donation for next year.
* Communicate with Pasco and Pinellas chapters about December 1 event.

**Niki:**

* Contact Tonya Clayton about the check we sent her.
* Learn about the supplier transactions for the plant sale.
* Investigate interest in and possibility of offering a plant id continuing education course.

Tina:

* Make contacts and communications with those listed in minutes, including Devon, Janet, Shirley and Mike.
* Maintain MeetUp and website.
* Post minutes and write items for the newsletter.

Andy:

* Publicize chapter events and activities. Post events on our Facebook page, including meetings and field trips.
* Advertise the joint meeting on Facebook.
* Talk with Mary McCann.

The next board meeting is September 19**, 5:30 pm,**  at Beef O’Brady’s on MLK in Seffner.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Tina Patterson, secretary