

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

March 20, 2019, Bob Evans, Seffner

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

**1. Minutes:** The February minutes were posted to the website.

**2. Treasurer's Report: Niki Cribbs**

- A check for \$500 was sent to the USF Herbarium.
- Registration for the USF Spring Plant Sale was sent in.
- FNPS sends our share of membership dues in January and July.
- Niki will add Virginia to the Drop Box account so that two officers are able to retrieve documents.

**3. Grants and Expenditures:**

- A motion was made and carried for Virginia to purchase a water jug for use at the Plant Sale and other club outings. She will be reimbursed up to \$50 for the order.
- A motion was made and carried for Virginia to purchase a copy of "The Swamp", a PBS video to show at a club meeting and add to our library.
- Tina will reorder books for the plant sale. Shirley will email Marc Minno to find out where we can get copies of "Butterflies of Central Florida".

**4. PR Report:**

- Julia Herbst, from Solar United Neighbors of Florida, has asked SNPS to participate in publicity and outreach to our members for events promoting solar coops in Hillsborough County. Virginia said she would contact Julia and find out more about the organization and what role they would like us to take.
- MetLife has asked us to set up a table at their Earth Day celebration on April 23, 11 am – 1 pm.
- Tina will represent SNPS at the Alafia River State Park Management Plan Update on March 27 at the public presentation and March 28 committee meeting.

**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 April 6.
- In response to an email from Karen Elizabeth at HCC Plant City Community Gardens, we have officially withdrawn our sponsorship of the Native Plant area in the Treasure Garden. Janet Bowers, Mike and Tina cleaned up the beds and weeded on March 17.
- Tina will continue volunteer sign-ups for the Spring Plant Festival.

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

- April 17- Arian Farid speaker, Seminole Heights Library.
- May 15- Open Mic in Seffner. This date interferes with FNPS conference. JoAnn Hoffman is not available May 22 but can help May 8. She needs to check the schedule for conflicts and will email Virginia.
- June 19- Grayson McCormick speaker, Seminole Heights Library
- July – Joint meeting hosted by Sierra Club. No date or location yet, probably July 10.
- August – no meeting or newsletter

- The Board approved changing the by-laws to read “once per year” for the annual meeting. Shirley will compare our by-laws to the State FNPS Handbook to make sure our by-laws are in compliance. She will suggest revisions to the Board.

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

- March 23- Fishhawk Preserve (Fishhawk Blvd entrance), Shirley Denton, leader.
- April 28 – Green Swamp West Loop, McNeil Entrance. Date moved because of Easter weekend. Janet will provide hike details. Tina will manage sign-ups.
- May – FNPS conference
- June – Field trip to USF Herbarium. Date to be determined.
- Shirley suggested a late October or early November hike at the SWFMD site near Beeker State Park in Manatee.

#### 8. Plant Sale: April 12, 13 and 14

- We would like to increase membership and book sales by setting up a dedicated table for these if a volunteer is available.
- Virginia and Mike will go with Troy to suppliers. Tina will take Virginia’s place if she is out of town.
- Troy will deliver plants on Thursday and will let us know if he needs help.
- Set up and pricing will be Friday morning from 9 – 11 (or later). We should have water and snacks available for the workers. Niki and Tina will meet at the storage shed Friday morning to load and transport our supplies.

#### 9. Newsletter: Shirley Denton

- Janet wrote her last newsletter in March and Shirley has the templates and other materials from her.
- Shirley would like the deadline for submissions to be one week before the first of the month. For this month, she would like all articles by March 25.

#### Action Items:

##### Virginia:

- Book speakers and obtain bios and talk summaries from them. Send to Shirley and Tina.
- Go with Troy and Mike to buy plants for the sale.
- Advertise events on our SNPS Facebook page and share to FNPS.
- Reserve Seminole Heights Library for future meetings, as needed.
- Order video and water jug.
- Contact Julia Herbst about solar coop.

##### Niki:

- Monitor dues payments from FNPS to SNPS.
- Manage plant sale payments and revenues.
- Move items for plant sale from the storage shed.

##### Tina:

- Email newsletter and 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.
- Sign-up and contact volunteers for Plant Sale.
- Contact Herbarium director about tour.
- Send new Board and officer information to FNPS.

**Shirley:**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be April 17 at 5 pm at Trip's Diner, Tampa.

Tina Patterson, secretary