

Suncoast Native Plant Society, Board of Directors Meeting- Minutes

May 8, 2019, Bob Evans, Seffner

The meeting began at 5:00 pm. Virginia, Shirley, Niki, Tina, and Tazia Stagg attending.

1. **Minutes:** The April minutes (taken by Niki) will be sent out with May and posted to the website.

2. Treasurer's Report: Niki Cribbs

- A check for \$500 was sent to the USF Herbarium. It has not been cashed. Virginia will check with Arian Farid. The speaker's honorarium from February is also outstanding. Virginia will contact Chris Hanni.
- Totals for the Spring Plant Sale were given. After fees, taxes, USF share and plant purchases, net profit was \$2759.57 from gross sales of \$7,704.53.
- Niki has corresponded with FNPS. They say we need to change all of our accounts and paperwork to reflect our official name of 'Suncoast Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society'. Many accounts and paperwork currently use 'Suncoast Native Plant Society, Inc.' which we acquired in 2008. Niki and Shirley will look into this.

3. Grants and Expenditures:

- Tina suggested moving the USF Herbarium grant of \$500 from "other garden support" to "grants" in the budget. Niki agreed.
- The \$400 for Morris Bridge is still on hold.
- A motion was made and carried to buy a \$250 sponsorship to the Audubon Birding and Wildlife Festival.

4. PR Report:

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 June 1.
- Joel Jackson led a group of HART volunteers at Lettuce Lake for Earth Day. He gave a presentation on native and invasive plants and the group removed invasives.

6. Membership Meetings/Speakers: Virginia Overstreet

- May 8- Open Mic in Seffner.
- June 19- Grayson McCormick speaker, Seffner Extension Office
- July – Joint meeting hosted by Sierra Club. No date or location yet, probably July 10.
- August – no meeting or newsletter
- September 18- Seminole Heights Library
- October 16- Seffner Extension Office
- November 20- Seminole Heights Library
- December 7- Holiday Party at Brooker Creek Preserve
- 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

- May – FNPS conference

- June – Field trip to USF Herbarium. Date to be determined. Tina will contact.
- Shirley suggested a late October or early November hike at the SWFMD site near Beeker State Park in Manatee.
- Tina determined that the Holder Mine and Tillis Hill campgrounds are available October 25-27. There are no cabins. Cabins are still available that weekend at Fanning Springs. One cabin is still available at Grayton Beach, but no open campsites at either state park.

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

- Using a dedicated table and the inventory for book sales resulted in more accurate reports.
- We will consider raising some plant prices (all small plants at \$6). We should also consider raising book prices from 15% below retail to 10% below (or less).
- Virginia would like to go with Troy to suppliers. Tina or Mike may be available to help.
- Registration is due September 6.

9. Newsletter: Shirley Denton

- 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 May 25.

10. Other Administrative Business: Shirley Denton

- Shirley has t-shirt logos and the company to do them (Custom Ink). Orders of 25 or more in a color or style give the lowest unit price. We need to decide color and short and/or long sleeve.
- Shirley has a new email for the group which comes with storage for our documents. She gave out the login and password to officers. Niki will create a directory with permissions and security for financials.
- Shirley set up forwards for info@suncoastnps.org to Virginia and Tina. She will do the same for Facebook@suncoastnps.org.
- Shirley offered to modernize the Suncoast website. Tina asked for a tutorial on any changes.
- There was discussion on the by-law changes for FNPS. They will be voted on at the annual conference General Membership meeting.

Action Items:

Virginia:

- Book speakers and obtain bios and talk summaries from them. Send to Shirley and Tina.
- Contact Arian Farid and Chris Hanni about uncashed checks.
- Advertise events on our SNPS Facebook page and share to FNPS.
- Reserve Seminole Heights Library for future meetings, as needed.

Niki:

- \$250 grant to Audubon for Birding and Wildlife Festival.
- Organization name changes.
- Financial records.

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.
- 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 6:20 pm.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be June 19 at 5 pm at Bob Evans, Seffner.

Tina Patterson, secretary