

Suncoast Native Plant Society, Board of Directors Meeting- Minutes

September 19, 2018, Beef O'Brady's, Seffner

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm: Virginia, Tina and Niki attending.

1. Minutes: The June minutes were approved.

2. Treasurer's Report: Niki Cribbs

- Niki reviewed the report she sent to the board, including activity in July and August.
- There was a question about when membership reports from FNPS are made, quarterly or biannually.
- Niki will check on the previous question and on how much our chapter receives per member.
- The treasurer's report was approved by the board.

3. Grants and Expenditures

- Niki spoke with Jared Bethune about the \$400 grant we voted in May. He will contact us when work is completed on the construction project.
- 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.
- SNPS usually gives a \$500 grant to the USF Herbarium in November or December.

4. PR Report: Andy Taylor (absent)

- Andy will continue to post meetings and other news items on our Facebook page.
- Shirley sent an email citing Andy's work on October Florida Native Plant Month activities and proclamations. Do we have any plans for this year?

5. Gardens and Outreach: Tina Patterson

- The next walk at Lettuce Lake is September 22. Tina will continue to coordinate with Joel Jackson. She needs a substitute for October 27. Ask at meeting.
- Niki will 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

- September 19- George Heinrich- Gopher Tortoises
- October 17-Ginny Stibolt- new book 'A Step-by-Step Guide to a Florida Native Yard'. Virginia will not be in town for the meeting.
- November 7 - (changed due to Thanksgiving, date confirmed with JoAnn)- John Lampkin , 'Bugs in your Bloomers' annual membership meeting and election of officers
- Dec 1- holiday party with other area chapters at Brooker Creek Preserve; 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. There has been no information on sign-up through EventBrite or MeetUp.
- Virginia will check availability of Seminole Heights Library for next year.

7. Field Trips/Campouts: Tina Patterson

- Sep 22 – Boyd Hill Nature Preserve, St. Petersburg. This was a late change. Steve Dickman has agreed to lead and Tina is trying to get a guide at Boyd Hill who is familiar with George Heinrich's work there.
- 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. If the second cabin is not reserved by October, Tina will cancel that reservation. So far, we have 3 spaces sold in the cabins.
- Nov 9- Tina has arranged for John Lampkin to lead us on a tour of the Sun City Center Nature Trails. This is a weekday trip, to see how much interest this generates. John is the November speaker.
- Nov 17- Blackwater Creek Preserve. Wagon tour is arranged at \$5 per person with a minimum of 10 people and a maximum of 20. Tina is taking reservations and Shirley will be leader the day of the trip.
- 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 :

- Tina is doing sign-ups. So far, only 6 people have agreed to help.
- It would be more efficient to set up a second table for cash only sales. This is only possible if we have enough people.
- Niki and Tina will bring items from the storage shed.
- Virginia will contact Troy on the plants.
- 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

- Devon suggested we postpone elections until January to allow more time to find nominees.
- JoAnn has declined to serve on the nominating committee.
- Shirley said she would serve on the board next year but will not be here for some parts of the year.
- Virginia will check on Seminole Heights Library as a possible meeting site for next year.
- The current board have agreed to serve next year. We would like to have a planning meeting in early December to outline activities and priorities for 2019. Shirley would be available December 10 or 11. We would also like Janet, Devon, Nanette and any other interested members to attend.

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.
- **Look for new meeting location.**
- **Coordinate with Troy on Fall Plant Sale.**

Niki:

- Learn about the supplier transactions for the plant sale from Troy.
- Check on membership monies and the Suncoast share.
- Investigate interest in and possibility of offering a plant id continuing education course.
- **Move items for the Plant Sale from the storage shed. Prepare cash box. Work with Tina on Saturday.**

Tina:

- Make contacts and communications with those listed in minutes, including Devon, Janet and Shirley.
- Maintain MeetUp and website.
- **Find volunteers for the Plant Sale. Work Plant Sale.**

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 about board position.
- Promote Native Plant Month.

The next board meeting has not been determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Tina Patterson, secretary