

Suncoast Native Plant Society, Board of Directors Meeting- Minutes

November 15, 2017 , Beef O'Brady's , Seffner

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm : Virginia, Gar, Andy and Tina attending;

1. Minutes: The October and September minutes were approved.

2. Treasurer's Report : Gar Reed

- Metro Storage account was paid this month
- TCMS grant of \$500 will also be paid this month. We should ask them to do a presentation in May.

3. PR Report: Andy Taylor

- Andy will not be under contract with FNPS after December but will continue as a board member for SNPS.
- We need to review our social media needs and responsibilities for next year.
- Andy will make Virginia an administrator on our Facebook page.
- A motion was made and carried to make Nanette O'Hara an editor on our Facebook page so that she can share her pictures from events and field trips. Andy should contact her and arrange this.
- Tina should send copies of minutes to Shirley and Janet so they can be used in the newsletter and to update the website.
- Andy can show us how to get Google Alerts about SNPS or FNPS.

4. Gardens and Outreach: Tina

- The next walk at Lettuce Lake is November 25.
- Joel and Tina will be working at Lettuce Lake with the Roots & Shoots Club from University of Tampa on November 18. They will remove Caesar weed and skunk vine from areas near the visitor center and boardwalk.
- Janet has asked for an HCC garden workday on December 3 from 8:30 to 11. She will let us know of future dates.

5. Membership Meetings/Speakers: Virginia

- Nov 15 – Nanette O'Hara; will speak about planting for pollinators
- Dec 9- Holiday party at Lettuce Lake. Tina has reserved pavilion 10 for our group and will continue sign-ups at November meeting.
- Virginia has some names and ideas for speakers to use next year.

6. Field Trips/Campouts:

- Dec 9- holiday party; Lettuce Lake, 11 am – 3 pm, picnic and walk. Start sign-ups in October.
- Shirley has said she will do this next year but we should confirm with her. Is anyone else interested?
- Tina conveyed a suggestion from a member that we try 1 or 2 weekday trips next year. We have a lot of retired members who might prefer a weekday.
- Circle B might make a good weekday trip.
- Our best attendance in 2017 was with the wagon tours and the Bok Tower tour. The hiking trips had fewer participants.

7. FNPS Chapter Representative Meeting: Virginia Overstreet

- FNPS says they need a copy of our bylaws. They are on our website.

- The state organization would like to see more joint events, either between neighboring chapters or with Audubon, Sierra etc. We already do the July joint meeting but could plan some field trips or exchange speakers.
- We could try a joint holiday party again this year. Virginia should discuss this with other chapter reps or with Mary McCann from Pinellas chapter.
- Pasco is looking for volunteers at the booth for the State Fair in February. Janet should get this in the January newsletter.
- Virginia suggested we make name tags with our logo for times that we are speaking or doing work for the club.

8. Nominating Committee and Election: Devon Higginbotham, Mike Fite and JoAnn Hoffman

- No new nominees for president or treasurer came forward. Devon will ask for nominations from the floor at the meeting. We still need a plant sale coordinator and field trip coordinator.
- No new nominations were made at the membership meeting on 11/15/17. The members voted on the following positions and elected by show of hands:

President - open

Vice President – Virginia Overstreet

Treasurer – Gar Reed (will resign in March or when his house sells)

Secretary – Tina (Mable C) Patterson

At Large – Andy Taylor

Chapter Representative to the Council of Chapters of FNPS – Virginia Overstreet

Action Items:

Virginia :

- Book speakers for next year and obtain bios and talk summaries from them. Begin looking for speakers for 2018.
- Attend Council of Chapters meetings.
- Look into a name tag design and cost.
- Talk to Pinellas, Pasco and other chapters about a joint holiday party.

Gar:

- Make sure allocated grant funds have been paid.
- Train a replacement.

Tina:

- Make contacts and communications with those listed in minutes.
- Sign-up and planning for the holiday party.
- Schedule plant walks at Lettuce Lake for 2018.

Andy:

- Publicize chapter events and activities. Post events on our Facebook page.
- Give administrative privileges to Virginia and allow Nanette to post on our page.

The next board meeting January 17 at Beef O'Brady's. **Move the time to 4:30.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Tina Patterson , secretary