

NATURE COAST CHAPTER
FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 8, 2021

The meeting was opened at 7:03 pm on Zoom by president, Molly Hays. Those participating were Molly, Jonnie, Pat, Jan, Julie, Mary Ellen, Becky, Karen, Diane and Carol.

The plant sale was a great success. Thank you to Pat for making the sale a spectacular event and to all the volunteers. Diane's granddaughters did a wonderful job in the children's activity at the sale.

Treasurer's report: Jonnie sent \$100.00 to FANN and we agreed unanimously to add \$150 making a total donation of \$250.00. We did very well at the plant sale, making a profit of \$1847.00. We also sold bird houses, T-shirts, and books.

Results of survey for in-person meetings: Molly reported that 30 members of the Nature Coast Chapter said that they would come to an in-person general meeting in May. Because of this positive response, we will resume having our general meetings at Heritage Park on May 11th.

Meeting programs: Our next general meeting will be April 13th on Zoom with a video entitled, "A Guide to Restore the Little Things in the World." Pat has arranged for a movie night at our first general in-person meeting on May 11th. Valerie will burn a DVD for us from a Lunch & Learn program, "10 Weeds for 20 Butterflies" by Andee Naccarato, President of Naples Chapter. Our June program will be an in-person presentation by Linda Wilinski, "Photographic Journey of Wild Florida." She is a freelance photographer on the conservation of wild Florida.

Field trips: Becky has arranged a Seranova Tract hike on April 17th with the Sierra Club who is inviting some of their members. In May the field trip will be a visit to the St. Pete Pier with the Pinellas Chapter. There is a native plant garden on the pier. Lunch will be at a restaurant at the base of the pier. In June there will be a kayak trip in Werner Boyce Springs. Ideas for future field trips were discussed.

Newsletter: Karen reminded us to send her our articles for the newsletter. As per our decision to resend the newsletter every other month, she is getting ready to resend the March/April newsletter with updates. We discussed articles to be included.

Chapter rep: Diane mentioned that not many people have signed up for the outreach workshop, which is how to teach more people about native plants. She encouraged more people to sign up and it will be mentioned at Tuesday's general meeting.

She also encouraged us to sign up for the FNPS conference which will be in May on Zoom. Anyone who is doing any type of work for the conference needs to sign up.

Members are being asked for donations for the silent auction for the conference. Molly will request this at our next general meeting.

Earth day at Crew's Lake Park: This will be on April 24th. David will bring some plants to sell. We discussed the set-up, etc. Jan will bring some Seranova T-shirts from the Sierra Club which is starting up in Pasco, and we will sell them.

Molly is working on a presentation for children which will be a slide show, "Elements of a native plant garden."

Molly will be keeping track of our volunteer hours so we are to send them to her, rounded off to the nearest half hour. This helps with getting grants.

Other important dates: April 18th is the children's event at Heritage Park and also an education committee meeting on Zoom at 2:00 pm. April 19th we will set up for the State Fair. Jonnie is in charge of this and is requesting nice looking plants in pots. Volunteers are needed to come help set up in the am. April 22nd is the State Fair.

The next board meeting will be held on Zoom on May 6th. We agreed to start our meetings at 6:00 and keep them on Zoom.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Minutes submitted by secretary, Carol Vanek