NATURE COAST CHAPTER

FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 28, 2020

Due to the Covid 19 virus, this meeting was held on Zoom.Those participating were Jonnie, Nancy, Peter, Carol, Molly, Jan, Becky, Julie, Karen, Diane, and Melissa.

The minutes of the previous meeting on May 4, 2020 were approved as written.

**Field trips:** Becky reported that the kayak trip for June 18th is still on. If Windsong is not open, we can bring our own kayaks. Jan said that she has two extra kayaks. Jan and Becky will keep us updated and work on details.

**Newsletter:** Karen needs to have articles for the newsletter by June 1.

**Website:** Melissa has done a beautiful job with the website. On the website there is a link to facebook. Jonnie reported that she tried this but it did not take her directly to our facebook page. Valerie, communications for FNPS, should be able to help us out with this. Melissa and Molly will check this out.

**Membership:** We had one new member in May which is great considering we have not had any meetings. Julie has not sent out e-mails yet to remind everyone to keep up their membership but she will do so.

**Chapter rep:**  Diane reported that Valerie is sending out information regarding Webinar. The Council of Chapters would like Zoom meetings at least once a year with multiple chapters.

Diane thinks that we should open for meetings to keep connected. A cookout at a shelter was suggested so peope can keep their distance. Nancy said that we will have to change our lifestyle and be careful. She thinks that an outdoor picnic would be fine. We all agree that it is important to do some outdoor things to keep connected. Becky and Pat will work on activities which will keep people active in the chapter.

Jonnie reported that the Community Center has made a lot of improvements, but sorry to say, there has been a lot of damage to our garden. But the room for meeting is very nice and we could have a movie in July. We can spread out. Whoever comes, even if only a few people, we should try to stay connected. Suggestion was that we could dispense with food and drink. Pat will have to be involved so will follow through with her.

We were reminded that Nancy offered her place for a meeting which could be in the morning when it is cooler and we could have a short talk for the program. Molly suggested an outdoor field trip to the Owl Sanctuary for Wildlife in Odessa, and everyone seemed to think this was a good idea. Molly will find out about this. Pat and Becky are in charge of programs and will work on something for outdoors and let Karen know for the newsletter. We feel that a field trip is a good way to get people out. It should be in am before it gets too hot (10:00 am?).

**Plant sales:** Craig Huegel is having an open house plant sale on June 28th. This will be announced in newsletter, facebook, and website. David Barnard will be having a sale of his plants on June 13th.

**Treasurer's report:** Pete is suggesting that we switch from Synovus to another larger bank as many of the smaller banks are closing. Some of the larger banks are Chase, Bank of America, and Wellls Fargo that are everywhere and have many branches. Changing banks is a big issue for a nonprofit, so we don't want to be doing this a lot. After much discussion, we agreed to leave it up to our treasurer.

**Storage unit:** We will be able to get out of our storage unit and put everything in the closet in the community center. There is room in the closet for all our supplies. This will save us about $870 a year.

**Elections:** It was suggested that Jonnie might just give up the presidency. She said that she has been doing it for 7 years and it may be time for someone else to take a turn. She still would be part of everything and would be glad to help where needed. Elections are in November and we all should keep this in mind.

We will have another board meeting on Zoom on Thursday, June 25th at 11:00 am. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by secretary, Carol Vanek