

FMNP Brevard Chapter Development Meeting
June 10, 2015

People Present

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Goals and Objectives

1. Want people to know about the FMNP program and that there is a presence in the county.
2. Provide outreach and education in the community at festivals and community events. Work with other organizations, determine their needs that we might be able to fill.
3. Volunteer for groups, do cleanups, walks, work with other organizations, find volunteer opportunities for chapter members. Clearinghouse of volunteers. Think about how volunteer hours will be collected and what types of volunteer hours can be included/documented.
4. Want Facebook and Instagram social media accounts so chapter members can interact with each other.
5. Get gmail or other email account specific for the chapter.
6. Getting people together to do continuing education (guest speakers), activities locally, regionally, and statewide, continuing conversation and keeping people engaged in the FMNP program. "Not wanting the learning to stop"
7. Membership application. Include insurance and liability waiver in application. Dues? How much? Qualifications to be a member, to continue membership?
8. Fundraising in the future. Do we become our own 501(c)(3), try to work under another non-profit like Preserve Brevard to raise funds. Develop an endowment fund (in the future).

Name of Chapter

We discussed possible names of "Brevard", "Space Coast", and "East Central". Need to determine what our geographical area will be for the chapter. While we'll include and welcome anyone who wants to attend and be a member, need to think about areas we want to cover for things like meetings, activities, volunteer opportunities, etc.

Bylaws

Look at example bylaws from other chapters and determine what we want to take and use from them for our chapter. What other items do we want included in the bylaws.

Officers and Committees

Develop committees for the chapter such as Activities committee, in the future Fundraising committee, Membership committee. What else, committees that are needed in the near future? Need to pick officers. We are the core group/board so determine roles and responsibilities for the group/board. Who wants to do what? Holly serves as facilitator and liaison with University of Florida and FMNP. Holly can also help keep track of volunteer hours.

Next meeting June 24th at 3pm at UF/IFAS Extension Brevard County office, 3695 Lake Drive, Cocoa.