



Space Coast Regional Chapter of the Florida Master Naturalist Program  
February 1, 2018 Officers' Meeting  
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Catherine Schweinsberg Road Central Library, Cocoa

Officers Present:

Bert Alm – Past President  
Mark Prynosi – President  
Tara Miller – Treasurer  
Peter Connolly – President-Elect

Facilitators Present:

Holly Abeels - Florida Sea Grant Extension Agent

6:00 p.m. Call to Order from Mark

**Old Business**

Meetings of January 2018 meeting – minutes approved

Financial & Membership Report

TechSoup – Tara paid for it, just waiting for TechSoup to accept us and mail software to Extension Office

Beginning Balance - \$1066.90  
Income – Paypal Transfers - \$129.63  
Subtotal - \$1196.53  
Expenses (TechSoup & State of FL) – \$116.25  
Balance - \$1196.53

PayPal being changed from Karen to Tara

7 Membership renewals, 1 New Member  
 9 people have had 2 reminders but haven't renewed yet. 12 people were sent first reminders. Currently 59 members.

Proposed budget – based off of 50 members

<i>Income</i>	<i>Proposed 2018 Budget \$</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Dues from Membership	750	Based on 50 members
Misc income	50	Patches
Scholarship income	100	Donations
Reserve from retained Earning from last year	1066.90	Checking account balance from 12/31/17
<b>Gross income</b>	<b>1966.90</b>	
<i>Expenses</i>		
Speaker donations	400	\$50 each, estimated 8 annually
PayPal membership	31.50	0.63 per \$15.00 membership
Administrative supplies	100	Stamps, folders, etc.
Scholarship donation	200	
Annual recurring	111.25	Tech Soup & State of FL
Misc	57.25	
Reserve from retained earning from 2018 forwarded to next year	1066.90	Checking account balance forwarded from Dec 31, 2017
<b>Gross expenses</b>	<b>1966.90</b>	

### **New Business**

#### Miscellaneous financial matters

Account signer transition – still working on this

Amazon Smile – on board and now located in various places for members to know about

QuickBooks Online – paid for just waiting on TechSoup

Proposed budget – See in Old Business

Mark made a suggestion for chapter sponsoring 4-H youth. This would get some exposure of the chapter to 4-H youth and parents. But it doesn't really go with the mission of the chapter so we'll continue to look for other

opportunities to sponsor youth.

### Quarterly membership meetings

Winter membership meeting coming up on February 8th

Mark will look for membership meeting agenda template and will distribute via email to membership the agenda beforehand.

Mark will contact Megan to double check with her about her speaking and ask about donation to her organization

Bert will give Facilitator's update so Holly will send him information beforehand

Holly will call Barrier Island Center to confirm

Spring membership meeting

Mark tried to call about a lightning presentation but didn't get a response.

He's going to still try to maybe get someone from FIT.

We could have wildflower talk and bee talk. Wildflowers of Florida person and Clifton from Backyard Beekeepers.

Put out meeting and guest speaker announcement to Master Gardeners and Florida Native Plant Society.

Summer membership meeting

Bert will check with Betty Salter with Great Outdoors in Titusville to see we could have our membership meeting there.

### Outreach Events

Pioneer Day Feb 10<sup>th</sup> – good coverage except for closing shift. Jill is picking up supplies on Monday. Mark will do breakdown. Tara agreed to man booth with Mark during closing shift.

Orlando Wetlands Festival Feb 17<sup>th</sup> – Mark will check out for possible 2019 participation

Pelican Island Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> – Mark will sign us up. Holly will do signup genius.

GetConnected April 8<sup>th</sup> – We are confirmed to participate. Event is all indoors and they provide table and chairs.

Earth Day at NASA April 18<sup>th</sup> – signed up already. Just waiting for further information about the event.

Lagoonacy April 21<sup>st</sup> – talk with Volusia chapter about taking over our space. Holly will contact Logan at MDC.

Enchanted Forest Earth Day April 21<sup>st</sup> – want to get signed up

Board discussed planning Conservation Activities where we as a chapter go out to do beach cleanups or make oyster mats. Let speakers know if they have a project or activity where they need volunteers we could organize a group of us to attend. Maybe wear the same shirt or shirts with FMNP logo. The chapter, in 2017, had a core of 15 people who do volunteer regularly, but can organize a small group pretty easily.

#### Scheduled Chapter Activities

Nohr Thompson walk was interesting. There were 8 people. John has an interesting property and it did get wet at Nohr Thompson.

Chasing Coral screening on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. We have 13 people registered. We have a guest speaker grad student from FIT working on corals coming to lead a discussion after the screening.

Marine Science Center field trip is scheduled for March 31<sup>st</sup> from 10am to noon. Shell Webster is tour guide and Bert is coordinating with her. After hike go to lunch right across the street. After that free time for people to do the lighthouse or Marine Science Center. Bert will give Holly information for Eventbrite page.

Bert will contact Indigo Conservation Center and Central Florida Zoo for potential May field trip.

#### Other Topics/Open Discussion

Holly will make Tara an editor on our Facebook page.

Next BOD Meeting: March 1, 6:00pm Catherine Schweinsberg Rood  
Central Library

Meeting adjourned at 7:22pm