Heartland Board meeting minutes - July 2, 2024

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Heartland BOD- Please review minutes and send corrections. Thanks, Janet

Attendees -Jack, Sam, Sharon, Janet
Meeting started 6 PM, ended 6:30

- Sam shared that Ed will be stepping down from being president in September. Sam has agreed to be president. We will be looking for an active member to be VP.
- Per Sam- Pablo (worm casting speaker) has joined Heartland and is interested in being on the board.
- Sharon's report to the state is about people on the board is as of July 2024.

--- Events ---

August 5 Garnet hike - Paynes Creek kid friendly, shady

August 13 membership meeting will be at Lake Wales Train Station - Sam will coordinate with them for the room. Janet will reach out to Paul Abel (the Natives) as possible speaker.

September 14 - 7 rivers water fest in Winter Haven, chapter table, need volunteers -Janet forwarded original email to Sharon and Sam. Sharon will contact them?

September 28 Bok Tower Fieldtrip - Cheryl Peterson- tour of science areas **- $15 - need to start collecting $.** 20 max.
work to add Zelle as payment option - Sharon will check with our bank.
We do have a paypal account and also can take checks.
This event is on the FNPS calendar. It was mentioned at the Heartland June membership meeting.

Oct 8 membership meeting - location TBD - possible Bartow Lib. Janet will check with Craig Huegel to see if he would be speaker this month or in the future.

Oct 12 Munn park plant sale - get plants from the Nectary, return unsold plants. We usually have 20-30 plants. Sharon will register us for the event.

Janet asked about outreach expense on treasurer's spreadsheet - it was to FANN for the Real FL Garden magazine coming out soon.

Lake Wales Train museum has contacted us with a need for landscaping help.
Sam and Sharon discussed specifics about planting, etc.
We will schedule a volunteer day and offer to give them a grant for plant $

Bonnet Springs got a grant to buy natives and would like volunteers to help plant. We don't have details yet.
It would be nice to have a meeting there or in Lakeland but meeting space is expensive at Bonnet and Lakeland library isn't available.

Circle B Bar isn't not available lately for meetings, we are still interested in meeting there in the future.

Sharon is checking on a speaker also, it would be great to have a list of willing people for this year or next year.

Janet mentioned that the most recent Nectary newsletter mentioned the Heartland chapter with links for website, membership, etc.

MISC notes as info to carry forward -

- **October** is native plant month

  good month for fieldtrips - fall flowers at Colt Creek, McNeil, many places in Polk
  might be good to try weekday walk, several people have mentioned that they can't do Saturday
  Nolan offered to lead field trip at Tiger Creek in fall
  FNPS/Florida wildflower foundation is planning a Tiger Creek hike for October

- The next **FNPS Conference will be** April 2nd - 6th 2025, at the UF Hilton in Gainesville, Florida
- **Logo/ T-Shirt design -** Sam has a contact with Polk College art dept. A student can be paid from a grant and donate art to the chapter. Possible Heart or State in center and plants. We need general requirements to give to an artist and then would have approval meeting or vote from members on proposed artwork. (FNPS and some chapters have sold T-shirts on Bonfire - people order them online and get them delivered, we don't end up spending money or have a unsold supply. (Janet suggested some LWR plants like Bonamia, curtis milkweed, rare plants that would be unique to our chapter or maybe more general scrub plants like lupine, dicerandra. Jack also sent long list.)