The meeting was called to order by president, Ron Mills. The following board members were present: Sandy Artman, Julie Black, Vicki Carpenter, Brenda Curtis, Anne Fillion, Mike Krzyzkowski, Rob Mills, Ron Mills, Barb Taylor and Nancy Turner. Membership Chair, Phyllis Cady also attended. The meeting agenda, corrected minutes from the 11/14/2019 BOD meeting, Treasurer's report and membership report were approved by the board after a motion was made by Barb T and seconded by Mike K.

OLD BUSINESS:
Plans for the upcoming meeting/ potluck were discussed- additional tables and chairs will be set up to accommodate the additional attendees (had 70 at the last meeting). The photo contest will be moved to the February meeting (the photo contest committee will meet and report prior to that meeting).

Nature Festival- the event went well, lots of participants especially for the raffle for the feeder. Thanks to Larry B and the other volunteers.

FPL Grant- Rob M needs to print more brochures with updated graphic changes. Will purchase more native plants, feeders, and signage for demonstration garden at Pennington. The yard certification is only portion bringing in revenue so project can be sustainable after grant funding used. Rob will give yard certification info to Phyllis for FaceBook input.

Birder's ID Workshop- Brenda reported about 50 attendees, should make an annual event.

Bird Count- Tony has list and teams are filling up, but weather may not be great this year for event. Birds can be observed and reported from your home on December 14th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Membership- Phyllis reported 419 members, 8 new in Nov. and 2 this month. $2720 in membership funds have been collecte. She asked us to continue talking up group, sharing brochures. Send info and photos to Phyllis for input on FaceBook.

Bird Blind- Mike K shared that borrowed motion camera showed raccoons still present at blind, added metal flashing, seed will be filled twice a week.

Bluebird Trail- Mike K met with Dan and looked at trail at Babcock which is in disrepair. Mike suggested making labels with contact info for FPL poles on which our boxes will be attached.
Conservation- Brenda C continuing with list promoting conservation at our meetings.

1000 Friends- promoting legislation on Everglades a positive, but water pollution bills not going anywhere. Current topics include disability in panthers and plastics in sealife.

Flatwoods meeting- CHNEP has 2 year plan for watershed but Deep water Horizon $ is holding up other project funding. The board approved writing a letter concerning this matter.

Fundraising- Ron M announced meeting at 5:00 pm on Thursday, January 9th prior to regular board meeting to discuss fundraising ideas.

Pennington Park- Rob M shared that more traffic at park due to nice weather. We will talk to Kalindi about adding donation option for Pennington on website. Received $75 donation from regular park visitor.

Banquet- Julie B will meet with Twin Isles to confirm cost for each person for banquet so ticket price can be determined. Raffle will be held similar to last year.

Giving Challenge- Sandy A shared that event will be on April 28/29 and organizational meeting in January.

Brenda C encouraged attending free e-bird workshops.

Bird-a-thon is also great event for fundraising. Dave Lancaster will be contacted about presenting at meeting. Plus the Backyard count is February 14-17.

NEW BUSINESS:
Ron M received letter from Dr Doody who asked for funding for transportation for students involved with Suwanee Cooter research. Mike K moved plus Nancy T seconded a motion to donate $200 to their cause. May invite them to give a program at one of our meetings.

Another correspondent, Jeff Canada requested sponsorship of his Wood Warbler bird friendly coffee roaster business. The board decided to further research which Nancy T will do.

Rob Mills shared that field trip to Bok Tower with the Master Gardeners was a success even with a rainy forecast.

The meeting was adjourned by Ron Mills at 7:01 pm.
Respectfully submitted,

Julie Black, Secretary for PRAS