



Board Meeting Minutes April 14, 2015

The meeting was held at Ron Groves and Pam Bryant's home.

Call to order at 3:00 pm.

Present: Jeff Boyd, Sue Brown, Pam Bryant, Ron Groves, Joan Limmer, Elroy Limmer, Charles Holmes, Keller Suberkropp, Andy Payne

Absent: Russ Kleinman

Previous Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the March 17, 2015 meeting were approved.

Treasurers Report: The following are balances to date: First New Mexico Regular Checking \$4384, Grants Account \$1982. A number of checks written from the Grants Account have not cleared yet, so the current balance is an estimate. Considerable discussion was conducted to determine who should control the Grants Account during Garden construction (Keller or Pam). Pam will review the pros & cons and decide in the near future.

A decision was made to roll the Garden account (a bit more than \$600) into the Grants account and close the Garden account. Some discussion about how to keep grant moneys and donation moneys separated (on a spread sheet). Pam will decide how best to do that.

Silva Creek Botanical Garden: Elroy reported that the many plants purchased at the plant sale will be planted on Friday, May 24. In one week, a group of Aldo Leopold school kids will be working in the Garden, supervised by Mark Cantrell. Elroy has a list of projects they can do, including cleaning the storage area and putting the trash out on the side street for the town to pick up.

Elroy proposed a Garden Committee of 5 or 6 people be formed to manage the maintenance and coordinate projects. They would meet a couple times a month.

Membership: Joan said the new membership list is not yet available.

Plant Sale: Keller reported the gross receipts so far from the Plant Sale is about \$4260. Net profit is somewhat less than \$900. Final figures will be available after Earth Day. Three new members were signed up during the plant sale.

Grant Application: The native dye plants grant application submitted by Donna Foley has been revised to print 50 copies of the brochure at a cost of \$325. The board voted to grant the request.

Give Grandly: Ron and Pam will man the GNPS table during 'Give Grandly', Tuesday June 5. They are unable to stay past 5:00pm (closing time is 6:00pm), so they are looking for a volunteer for the 5-6pm time slot.

Charles will send 2 notes to GNPS membership to encourage attendance to the Give Grandly event.

Some discussion about getting the donation key chain card from Albertsons for GNPS. A 501C3 IRS letter is needed, Pam will look into getting that from the State NPS.

Youth Education: Andy reported on the agreement between Tricia Hurley and GCEC to upgrade the GNPS trunk and for Tricia to implement up to 7 education sessions with local schools. GCEC will pay \$350 to Trish for preparation of lesson plans, activities, and materials necessary to implement these sessions. GCEC will \$400 for materials, supplies, and equipment which are purchased. Pam signed the Memorandum of Understanding between GNPS and Tricia Hurley for implementation of up to 7 education sessions with local schools, with a payment of \$500. This is an agreement for one year, after which the program will be evaluated for possible continuation.

Adult Education: Bill Norris, Russ Kleinman, and Richard Felger volunteered to present a class on Grass Identification in the Fall of 2015. This will be a technical class, using keys to id local grasses. 6 sessions are planned, on Wed evenings, 6-8pm along with a possible Saturday field trip. The board agreed to accept the offer and to charge \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members. Jeff will contact Bill regarding start date, cost of the Allred book, and min/max signup.

Bookmarks: Elroy passed out several versions of the proposed bookmark. The board selected one with no picture border, a rounded picture background, on glossy white paper. The name of the plant will be above the picture. The GNPS website will be printed at the bottom of the bookmark. Additional text will be added below the picture: "Preserve New Mexico's native plants". The board approved printing of 100 sheets (400 bookmarks) at a cost of under \$0.25 per bookmark. These will be given to members upon renewal.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.

J. Boyd, sec