



Board Meeting Minutes Aug 15, 2016

The meeting was held at the Marketplace Café Community Room.

Call to order at 1:32 pm.

Present: Jeff Boyd, Pam Bryant, Ron Groves, Charles Holmes, Betty Spence, Keller Suberkropp, Helen Shoup

Absent: Andy Payne, Joan and Elroy Limmer

The minutes from May 23rd were approved.

Treasurers Report: Approximate balances: Regular checking: \$2861.84; Garden acct: \$2182.17; EO Jones acct: \$34,470.63

Adult Education: Donna concluded her Trees and Shrubs class on June 17 and 18. The class was very successful, with all proceeds going to Donna, and at least 3 new memberships signed up. The planned Wildflowers class was cancelled due to the late monsoon and Donna's schedule conflicts with holding a class in late summer. Richard Felger has talked to Ron about doing a basic Botany class. Jeff will contact Richard to get details. Keller also mentioned he has done a basic Botany class and his presentation is ready to go. So perhaps this year for Richard's class and next year for Keller's?

Communications: Betty will be travelling later this year but will be home enough to handle necessary communications (newspapers, calendars) to announce presentations, field trips, Holiday party, etc

Newsletter: Helen mentioned the next newsletter will be published in late Sept. Chimisa will be the plant of the month (Keller will supply info) and Dale Zimmerman's butterfly pamphlet will be the book of the month (Ron will supply info).

Book Sales: Ron reported approx. \$200 worth of new book orders since returning from his trip and turning the book sale page back on (in early July)

Fall Programs: Ron reported that the Fall program schedule is complete as follows:
Sept – Gila NF Plan Revision re-visit
Oct – Russ Kleinman reviews his moss projects
Nov – Ann Hedlund and Hosana present the work they have been doing on dyes from native plants

Silva Creek Garden: Betsy, Keller, and Charles have been busy weeding as monsoon rains has unwanted plants growing rapidly. The fence project has been waiting for Elroy to return from vacation. All fence sections have been completed by Denise. Charles

reported that some shrubs and trees in the old section of the garden are in need of replacing. He will look over the list of USDA plants (free to non-profits?) to see if any can be used. If yes, they would need to be picked up in Las Lunas. He will also make a list for next year's plant sale, as Ron mentioned the GNPS would donate needed plants as has been done in recent years.

State Newsletter: Ron was asked by the State if money should be spent to make the 1st page of the newsletter print in color. The board decided to respond with 'no' due to skepticism that it would help increase membership. Ron was asked how many additional copies of the newsletter should GNPS receive. Some discussion on this – the board did not know how many copies we currently receive. It was discussed that having extra newsletters to hand out at events was useful. Ron will find out how many we currently receive.

Gila Diversion – At Risk Plants: Jeff mentioned that GNPS was asked if there were any endangered or at-risk plants in the proposed Gila Diversion project area. The expert Botanists were unable to definitively answer that. So it was decided to attempt to schedule a hike or two in the affected canyons (Winn and Spar canyons). Jeff and Ron will contact Kevin Keith to discuss.

Red Hot Children's Fiesta: Keller volunteered to represent GNPS at this event on Sept 17th.

Gila River Festival: As in previous years, GNPS is a major sponsor of this event. We can have a table at the event. Betty and Helen volunteered to 'man' the table. Helen will make copies of recent newsletters to display. Ron will get info from Donna regarding table, chairs, etc. This event is Sept 22-25.

State Annual Meeting: The State Annual Meeting starts Sept 22nd in Las Cruces. Ron, Pam, and Keller will attend. Registration deadline is Sept 15th.

Election of Officers: The election is scheduled for the November general meeting. The offices are as follows:

President: open

Vice-President: assumed to be Bill Norris (Ron will confirm)

Treasurer: Pam agreed to continue

Secretary: Jeff agreed to continue

State Representative: Keller agreed to continue

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.

J. Boyd, sec