



## Board Meeting Minutes Jan 18, 2017

The meeting was held at the Conference Room, #140, in Harlan Hall at WNMU.

### Call to order at 3:00 pm.

**Present:** Joan and Elroy Limmer, Jeff Boyd, Pam Bryant, Ron Groves, Helen Shoup, Keller Suberkropp, Bill Norris, Betty Spence

**Absent:** Charles Holmes

The minutes from Dec 19th were approved as amended.

**Treasurers Report:** Approximate balances: Regular checking: \$2534.12; Garden acct: \$5867.05. A donation of \$6000 was received from the Wetterau family (via Betsy Kaido) for the Garden.

**Presentations:** Friday's presentation (Jan 20) may be subject to a snow storm. If needed, the meeting will be cancelled (not rescheduled). A decision will be made by early afternoon on Friday. The May meeting will need to be moved from Harlan Hall due to a closure for renovation occurring at the end of the spring semester. Bill will look into reserving the ABC room in the Global Resource Center.

**Web Site:** Ron indicated that Google increased their security the first of this year, and the GNPS web site is now not considered secure by Google. There may be an additional cost from FatCow to bring up the security level. The annual web hosting fee from FatCow is due soon, so decisions on who manages the web site should be made soon.

Bill has a student in mind who might be interested in re-designing and maintaining the web site. GNPS will pay the student for the work, on an hourly basis. The regular maintenance and update functions on the web site are currently performed by Jeff Boyd. The following is a list of the major tasks, regular and occasional, that are involved:

- Add Board Meeting minutes to the web page for that purpose, once the minutes have been approved.
- Maintain the Book Sale pages: add/remove/update books and prices
- Add photos of GNPS events (field trips, garden work days, etc), sometimes to an existing page, sometimes to a new page.
- Update Garden page (photos, description) as changes to the Silva Creek Garden are made.
- Add newsletters to the newsletter page (once a quarter)
- Add the Plant Sale web pages and keep them updated as changes are made to the plant list. This is a once a year function, but fairly intense for about 1 month.
- Revise contact list as changes occur (normally only biannually).
- Possible future tasks: Add/update/remove announcements: annual picnic, Holiday Party, awarded scholarships, grants, etc); info regarding State Conference, especially the local one in 2018.

**Officer Job Description:** Members of the Board returned updated job descriptions to Elroy for his review.

**Youth Education:** Ron will act as liaison with Trish to decide on a contract for 2017. He will discuss how to have more classes in outlying areas, including Cliff. Last year's contract was for \$600 for 10 sessions. Ron anticipates a similar contract but with revisions for 2017.

**Children's Activity Pamphlet:** A draft of the Activity Pamphlet was passed around the room, the board was pleased with the design. Jackie's goal is to complete the project by Earth Day 2017.

**Membership:** One renewal to report.

**Newsletter:** The next bulletin is due at the end of March. Helen needs input by Mar 15, including the spotlighted book (from Ron) and plant (from Keller). Sara requires input for the State newsletter by early March.

**Adult Education:** Plant propagation is considered a popular subject for a future workshop. Bill will contact Kristy Dunn to possibly present the class in the Spring.

**Book Sales:** Ron reported that there was one completed sale this year and one pending.

**Silva Creek Garden:** The work day planned for January to clean up the leaves has been postponed due to the wet weather, now looking at early Feb. Keller is continuing to work on a brochure for the garden. The expectation is that the brochure will be distributed to area libraries, visitor center, etc. Denise is working on a major piece of artwork, in stainless steel, that will be mounted on a concrete slab in the garden.

**Membership Survey:** Elroy and Bill will survey members at the January meeting to determine what they would like the GNPS to provide for them.

**GNPS Scholarship:** Bill Norris has several good candidates for scholarships. He will inform these candidates so they can apply. The expectation is to award two \$1000 scholarships, to Botany majors or to Biology majors taking Botany classes. The approvals will be made at the Feb Board Meeting.

**Give Grandly:** Pam indicated that Jan 25<sup>th</sup> was the date to submit a deposit check to the Give Grandly committee for participation in 2017. Jeff has received no notices from Give Grandly, and no one else on the Board has either. He will contact the committee to get more info and make sure that GNPS is on their mailing list. The Board agreed to pay the \$50 to participate this year, but volunteer(s) will be needed.

**GNPS Plant Sale:** Elroy will try to add members from the general membership to a subcommittee to run Plant Sale 2017. Keller has contacted Mountain States to obtain a plant list. Ron will contact the Home and Garden Show to learn about dates, venue, etc. Elroy mentioned the Tour de Gila is scheduled for the weekend of Earth Day. No problems anticipated at Gough Park for Earth Day, but Elroy will look into possible issues with Plant Pickup.

**2018 State NPS Meeting Gila Chapter:** A long discussion ensued on the various merits of scheduling the meeting the last weekend in August vs the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in Sept. Bill will talk to Joy at WNMU to make sure there rooms will be available for either dates. There is no need to make a decision yet, so the decision was postponed for more information. Ron will contact Pickamania to see if they have any info on scheduling in 2018.

**Joint Audubon/GNPS Activities:** Elroy indicated that Audubon is interested in participating in more joint activities with GNPS. He asked the Board members to come up with some ideas for activities.

**Audubon/GNPS Picnic:** The joint picnic is scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup>. Like last year, the plan is to have a field trip for that morning.

**People's Procession:** The Board agreed that GNPS can be represented at the Procession on Sat, March 21<sup>st</sup>, with Pam and Jeff holding the banner.

**Next Board Meeting:** Wed Feb 15<sup>th</sup>, 2pm.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:17 pm.**

J. Boyd, sec