



Board Meeting Minutes Jan 5, 2016

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

Call to order at 2:35 pm.

Present: Jeff Boyd, Pam Bryant, Ron Groves, Charles Holmes, Elroy and Joan Limmer, Andy Payne, Helen Shoup, Keller Suberkropp

Absent: none

New Board Member: Helen Shoup has volunteered to become the newsletter editor, and to do email communications to membership. She is replacing Charles Holmes in that capacity. Charles will remain on the board as an At-Large member.

Newsletter: The 1Q16 newsletter has been published by Helen, with great critical acclaim from the board as well as several other members. The board voted to add the GNPS mission statement to each edition of the newsletter. Ron has reduced the total number of printed copies (vs electronic) to be mailed to 9. Those 9 will continue to receive color printed copies. Some discussion about printing in b&w to save money, but no decision was made to do so.

Treasurers Report: Regular checking: \$1407.92; Garden acct: \$6221.95; EO Jones: \$34,000 (approx). Note: the board approved withdrawing money from the EO Jones account to pay for the scholarships.

Plant Sale: Keller sent an email to Mountain States Nursery, asking for this year's plant list, and checking that the shorter interval between order and delivery will still be workable. He has not contacted Lone Mountain yet.

E-Mail IDs: Ron is listing all e-mail id's used by the GNPS. The use of GNPSEditor@gmail.com is being discontinued since Charles is the owner.

Board Vacancies: The election of at-large board members was supposed to have occurred at the Nov, 2015 general meeting. It was decided to do it at the Feb 2016 meeting. Ron will draft a memo to the membership to be sent at least 1 month prior to that meeting. He will also list the vacancies and ask for volunteers: Publicity Chair and Conservation Chair.

Youth Education: Andy reported that Tricia Hurley has completed 6 teaching sessions in 2015. He attended one of them, and reported it went well. She submitted her report to GNPS, as a requirement for being paid for her work (\$500). The board agreed to continue the program with Trish in 2016, and Andy will ask her if she will do as many as 8 presentations during the entire year. The presentation trunk has been enhanced by

Trish using GCEC money (\$500). Andy will find out from Trish how the trunk has been improved.

Adult Education: Jeff will contact Donna Stevens to get a proposal for teaching class(es) this spring/summer.

Book Sale: Betsy has volunteered to help Jeff and Ron to set up a paypal book sale process similar to the web plant sale process. Ron will attempt to schedule this meeting this week.

Scholarship Grants: Keller and Ron will collaborate on a revised scholarship application, which will have a requirement for 20 hours of volunteer work added. The application will then be provided to Bill Norris who will post it at WNMU and state-wide.

Give Grandly: Andy and Jeff volunteered to have GNPS participate in Give Grandly for 2016. There are several meetings to attend and a committee to join; Andy and Jeff will share responsibilities leading up to the event, tentatively scheduled for May 7.

Silva Creek Garden: Elroy is investigating different options for a metal fence at the garden, looking to keep costs low. He also plans to purchase more gravel and mulch.

Social Events: Board decided to hold the annual picnic in early/mid-May, on a Sunday. Pam will contact the USFS office for a reservation at the Gomez Pk. pavilion. Cost is \$40. Andy suggested a children's event be held at the garden. This would help bring parents to the garden. Ice Cream & games involving plants were suggested. The board responded favorably, with a possible mid-summer scheduling.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm.

J. Boyd, sec