



Board Meeting Minutes March 28, 2016

The meeting was held at the Marketplace Café Community Room.

Call to order at 1:30 pm.

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

Absent: none

The minutes from Feb 23rd were approved.

Newsletter: Helen plans to complete the GNPS newsletter by April 1st. Included will be an article on Junipers, the Plant Sale, the Web Book Sale, recent meetings, the next meeting, the picnic, the Give Grandly event, and possibly a request for plant information in the Gila NF (pending Ron's email to board members).

Treasurers Report: Regular checking: \$2326.92; Garden acct: ~\$2500, EO Jones acct: \$33,950. Recent book sales have helped increase the checking account.

Plant Sale: Keller has received 12 orders for a total of \$1263.50. Some of the orders include plants that are no longer available, so he will need to contact each customer to offer a refund or alternate plants. The presale is scheduled for April 9th 11am-6pm at the Intramural Gym at WNMU, part of the 'Home and Garden Expo, there is no cost for the facility. Betty has submitted press releases to the Daily Press, the Sun-News, and the Grant County Beat. A calendar entry was submitted to the Desert Exposure (April edition). She created and circulated for approval a draft of an ad for the Daily Press that will be part of a large ad for the Expo. The Board found the ad attractive and had no changes. Keller has not yet received the layout of the tables at the Gym. Ron will contact Trish and/or Mark to possibly locate the GNPS table adjacent to Lone Mountain's (so they can provide expertise).

Youth Education: Andy circulated a contract for Tricia Hurley to teach up to 10 classes for \$30/hr (= \$600). The contract states she is to teach at the garden if possible, else in the children's class. Also, he will talk to Tricia about doing one trial class in the Gila/Cliff school district. Madge Slavec of the Gila Valley Library has shown strong interest in having such classes there.

Adult Education: Donna Stevens is working on a proposal for teaching 2 classes for GNPS: Trees/shrubs and wildflowers. The board discussed that it would be best to separate these classes by several months, having the wildflowers in the summer and tree/shrubs in the fall.

Book Sale: Ron reported that 6 orders, totaling \$233 have been submitted thru the web. Most of the books have been Carter's Trees and Shrubs book. Ron has two books that need to be added to the web book sale page.

Scholarship Grants: The candidate submitted by Bill Norris has had some serious family issues and has returned home (to AZ) for the semester. GNPS will hold the scholarship until he returns with the intention to continue his studies.

Membership: Joan distributed the latest membership list and reported two new members have been added. The state NPS appears to be sending updates monthly now.

Give Grandly: Give Grandly is scheduled for May 14th 8:30 – 2:30 at the Farmers Market. GNPS is a member of the Event Committee, with Andy and Jeff sharing the responsibility. Next meeting is April 7th at 9am at HMS, with the committee meeting following immediately at 10am.

Silva Creek Garden: Elroy reported that a tree trunk hanging over the amphitheater has been removed. The fence parts are gradually being received. Elroy and George Farmer will drive to Deming this week to pick up fencing materials due to uncertain delivery schedules. Elroy reported that the plaques with the deceased Aldo student's names on them have disappeared from the butterfly garden. Ron will contact Trish to find out if this was intentional.

Social Events: The annual potluck picnic will be a joint affair with Audubon, on May 15th at the Gomez Peak pavilion. Kevin Keith will be leading a plant hike to 80 Mountain in the morning of the picnic. The meal has been scheduled for 2pm. GNPS paid for the reservation and will supply water and iced tea. Audubon will supply hotdogs. Attendees need to bring service items.

Grant Request Submission: The Volunteer Center submitted a grant request for money to harvest and grind mesquite flour. Elroy, Ron and Richard Felger met with the Volunteer Center to provide guidance and came up with a request for \$400 with the stipulation that Richard be closely involved to provide support. The board approved the request.

Gila Forest Planning: Russ Kleinman reported that he submitted a list of plants to the Gila NF Planning team. The board asked Jeff to obtain a copy of that list from Russ.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.

J. Boyd, sec