



Board Meeting Minutes Oct 10, 2016

The meeting was held at the Marketplace Café Community Room.

Call to order at 1:32 pm.

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

Absent: Betty Spence

The minutes from Aug 15th were approved.

Treasurers Report: Approximate balances: Regular checking: \$3218.12; Garden acct: \$2182.17;

Youth Education: Andy Payne will no longer be attending the board meetings. He will continue to work with Trish on the education programs for elementary students and will report on progress.

Membership: Joan reported there are 141 members in our chapter. And she mentioned that for the first time, members requesting a hard copy newsletter was indicated on the membership list (with an 'HC').

Riparian Plant Pamphlet: Jeff asked the board if there was interest in creating a pamphlet summarizing native riparian plants. This would be used at children's events and at other events such as Earth Day. It was considered worth pursuing. A small committee would be best to work on this. A call for volunteers will be made at the October meeting.

Children's Activity Pamphlet: Elroy has talked to Jackie about creating a children's activity pamphlet, similar to what she has done for Audubon. He mentioned that we should first decide what the audience will be (grade?) and have a better idea of what it should look like, before engaging Jackie to work on it. A couple people were suggested as helping with this process: Angela and Andy. Elroy will contact them to see if they have interest in helping. Also, a call for volunteers will be made at the next general meeting.

Newsletter: Helen mailed the 4th quarter newsletter on Sept 29. There are 15 members noted on the membership list who want a hardcopy newsletter. This is more than the 9 that Helen has been mailing to. The two lists will be compared to make sure we are sending copies to the right people.

Helen is working on a history of the garden lot, that will be incorporated in a future newsletter. She is trying to find some old photos and learn the history prior to the

parking lot use. She has been to the library, which has the museum archives, but has had no luck. It was suggested she might contact Doc or Tom, as they have been long-time researchers at the museum. Email for Doc (may not be current): sherlock1895@hotmail.com. For Tom (is current): tomdeplata1@gmail.com.

Book Sales: Ron reported book sales are continuing. Most of the book sales are for Carter's book. Even a few posters have been sold. Ron will contact Jeff to remove several books from the web page as they are sold out.

Silva Creek Garden: The fence will be installed on Sunday, Oct 16, with the help of George Farmer and several volunteers. Denise is working on a piece of artwork that will be installed in the garden. Eric Ockerhausen, leading a WILL class, has created an arch that will also be installed. Elroy is wanting to create a committee of 6 to 8 people to help with design of the garden. A call for committee members will be made at the next general meeting on Oct 21.

State Annual Meeting: Ron, Pam, Joan and Elroy attended the State Annual Meeting last month in Las Cruces. A few major points from the meeting:

- The state-wide membership is increased over last year
- A portion of the unrestricted funds will be used to engage an outreach coordinator to implement a more dynamic website, improved newsletter, and support more collaboration with chapters and outside organizations.
- New officers were announced
- Next statewide meeting will be in Taos
- The state intends to archive state and chapter records, scanning them to reduce storage requirements.

Two items for our action: 1) let Ron know your ideas for what functions we want an 'outreach coordinator' to do, 2) we need to promote attendance at the state conferences by our membership.

Election of Officers: The election is scheduled for the November general meeting. The slate of candidates will be announced in the October meeting, and a call for nominations will be made at both meetings. The offices and initial candidates are as follows:

President: Elroy Limier

Vice-President: Bill Norris

Treasurer: Pam agreed to continue

Secretary: Jeff agreed to continue

State Representative: Keller agreed to continue

Meeting adjourned at 3:04 pm.

J. Boyd, sec