



Board Meeting Minutes Sept 1, 2015

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

Call to order at 2:08 pm.

Present: Jeff Boyd, Sue Brown, Pam Bryant, Ron Groves, Charles Holmes, Keller Suberkropp, Andy Payne

Absent: Elroy Limmer, Joan Limmer

Previous Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the Aug 4, 2015 meeting were approved.

Treasurers Report: The following are balances to date: First New Mexico Regular Checking \$3337.93, Garden Account \$6221.95, EO Jones Account \$33,271.86

Membership: Dues are increasing the first of 2016. The board decided to send an announcement to members regarding the increase. New brochures have been designed by the state NPS, each chapter is being asked for how many they want, so a total print quantity can be determined. The board decided on 300.

Plant Sale: Keller will investigate the possibility that the Borderlands Restoration organization can supply some plants for future plant sale. Their web site: borderlandsrestoration.org

Farmers Market: The board agreed to coordinate with Lone Mountain at one or more Farmers Market in October. This means setting up a GNPS table and Lone Mtn will offer 15% discount to members. Ron will ask for volunteers at the next monthly meeting for help with the table. Ron will also talk to Trish to coordinate dates for the special sale.

GNPS Communications: The board discussed the quarterly newsletter. The general consensus was to continue it after Charles retires, assuming we can find someone to do it. No one on the board felt they had the time to take this task on. Ron will ask for a volunteer at the next monthly meeting. Also, Charles will put in a call for a new editor in the next newsletter. Since Pam will be doing email communications in the future, she asked Sue to copy her on events to be communicated.

Youth Education/Red Hot Childrens' Fiesta: Andy reported that Tricia Hurley is working on lesson plans. He brought a bag full of stuffed animals that could be used as a 'food chain' demonstration, aimed first at the Fiesta (on Sept 26). The board liked the idea, and further discussed a handout in a similar vein that children could color, then mail in for entry in a prize drawing. The prize would be a children's book about plants. Ron will search for an appropriate \$10 book. Pam will get crayons, Keller said he would

create the coloring handout on his computer. Also, Jeff will create a simple map that shows where the Silva Creek Garden is located. Ron, Pam, Sue, and Keller volunteered to help at the Fiesta.

Children's Activity Booklet: Jackie Blurton volunteered to do a children's activity booklet for GNPS, like the one she did for Audubon. The board reviewed a copy of the Audubon booklet, liked it, and decided to accept her offer. Pam and Keller will choose the plants to be on the booklet and contact Jackie.

Adult Education: Bill Norris, Russ Kleinman, and Richard Felger are presenting a Grass ID Workshop, which started Aug 26 and runs thru Sept 30. 16 people attended the first workshop, several of those could only attend 1 or 2 sessions. Total paid at the first session was \$285.

Albertson Cards: The new Albertsons cards will not be in effect long: it has been announced that Safeway will be taking over the store.

NM Native Plant Day: Two couples joined the NPS at the table that Ron and Pam set up at the Farmers Market

GMCR Radio Station: The Gila NPS paid for commercials on the station, which started airing on the "Earth Matters" and "Local Flavors" programs on Aug 12. Ron will mention at the next monthly meeting that we advertised on radio. Jeff will try to determine if there has been more GNPS web site activity since the ad started.

NM Wilderness Society: Kevin Keith has volunteered to work with Nathan Newcomer on the plant list for the Gila Box area.

Grants: Bill Norris will have a grant request for consideration, for the Gila River Symposium. A team consisting of Keller, Ron, and Elroy will consider the application.

Silva Creek Garden: Charles has a lot of historical documents regarding the Silva Creek Garden. The board decided the GNPS would like to keep these documents. Jeff volunteered to store them in plastic containers under his house. Charles needs to organize the documents then will contact Jeff.

GNPS Web Site: The board agreed to display this year's board meeting minutes on the web site, on a page much like the newsletter page. Up to 2 years of meeting minutes will be available in the future.

Christmas Party: The board would like to have this year's party at the Legion Hall, as in recent years. Ron will contact Curtis about reserving it for Dec 13.

Monthly Meeting Presentations: Sue asked Keller for a bio for his upcoming presentation. Jeff will contact David Seibert of Borderlands Restoration regarding making a presentation to GNPS in Jan 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

J. Boyd, sec