



## Board Meeting Minutes May 23, 2016

The meeting was held at the Marketplace Café Community Room.

### **Call to order at 1:32 pm.**

**Present:** Jeff Boyd, Pam Bryant, Ron Groves, Charles Holmes, Elroy and Joan Limmer, Betty Spence, Keller Suberkropp

**Absent:** Andy Payne, Helen Shoup

The minutes from April 25th were approved.

**Treasurers Report:** Approximate balances: Regular checking: \$4482.50; Garden acct: \$2182.17.

**Plant Sale:** Keller reported summarized preliminary results of the plant sale. Profit was \$516.74, down from about \$725 last year. This was expected due to the inadequate venue and reduced hours of operation. Continuing recent trends, on-line sales were higher and in-person sales lower than the previous year. Most of the profit was from sales of Mountain States plants, as the markup was much higher than the Lone Mountain plants.

**Youth Education:** Ron understands that Trish agreed to teaching 8 local classes and 1 class in Cliff, while being paid for 10 classes to compensate for travel expenses. However, Andy is traveling so no contract has been signed.

**Adult Education:** Jeff will send a confirmation email to Donna regarding the planned Trees and Shrubs class on June 17 and 18, with copies to Helen and Betty. This is so they can publicize the class on community calendars and to the membership. Elroy will contact Donna to create a portrait photo for the class announcement.

**Book Sales:** Ron reported \$222 worth of orders at the Plant Sale. He asked that the Book Sale web page be shut down until July 1<sup>st</sup> due to his and Pam's upcoming trip.

**Membership:** Joan provided the latest membership list to Pam and Jeff last week. She is contacting the State organization to modify the membership reporting to list individuals of a joint membership (example: Jeannie Martin and Dennis Beaver)

**Give Grandly:** Give Grandly was very successful for GNPS, having raised \$1060.49. Several current and past board members contributed very generously, and GNPS was able to exceed the minimum necessary to receive a \$250 matching donation.

**Silva Creek Garden:** Elroy reported that the garden is doing well, most of the recent plantings have survived. Elroy reported that Denise has completed preparing the fence.

The fence may be moved to the garden soon, but will be stored there until it can be installed. Elroy will be on vacation for a couple months. Betsy will have about 100 plant signs to install when she returns from her vacation in mid June. She, Keller, and Charles will solicit volunteers to help install the signs. Keller will check with Freeport McMoRan on the status of a grant application for the garden. Elroy will talk with Denise about creating a sculpture on the art pad at the garden, to be completed by the end of the year.

**Children's Activity Booklet:** Jackie Blurton agreed to create an activity booklet for GNPS, but she is going on a long trip soon. Ron will contact Andy and Angela to create a committee to work out a general direction for Jackie when she returns in October.

**State Newsletter:** Betty needs to send information on the summer's scheduled events for the state newsletter. Discussion centered around whether to mention the tentative location of the field trips, since Kevin does not like to announce the location until he's had a chance to check out the conditions. It was agreed to give generic information to the state for the newsletter, but to try to get Kevin to provide tentative trip locations for local announcements and the GNPS Calendar.

**State Annual Meeting:** The board agreed to add an announcement with photos to the local newsletter to publicize the annual meeting scheduled for September in Las Cruces.

**Programs for Fall 2016:** Ron has talked to Matt Schultz of the USFS who has agreed to make a presentation on the status of the Gila Forest Planning project in September.

**Joint GNPS/Audubon Picnic.** The picnic, though lightly attended, was considered a success and Audubon would like to schedule another joint picnic for next year. The board accepted this proposal.

**Association for the Study of Literature and Environment symposium.** GNPS was invited to participate in this event, scheduled for June 8-10 at WNMU with an informational table. Ron will gather materials for the table and will pass it on to Susan Brown who we think volunteered to 'man' the table for GNPS. Ron will include several books, but they will be for display only, not for sale.

**June Board Meeting.** The board voted unanimously to skip the June meeting due to most members being out of town in June.

**Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.**

J. Boyd, sec