



## Board Meeting Minutes Nov 14, 2016

The meeting was held at the Marketplace Café Community Room.

### **Call to order at 1:29 pm.**

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

**Absent:** no one

The minutes from Oct 10th were approved.

**Treasurers Report:** Approximate balances: Regular checking: \$3146.75; Garden acct: \$989.43.

**Youth Education:** Andy reported that Trish has been doing classes, and will provide photos from Jose Barrios for use in the newsletter and/or web page.

**Membership:** Joan reported there are 151 members in our chapter, with two new members. The board voted to pay for Dale Zimmerman's annual membership fees.

**Riparian Plant Pamphlet:** Jeff will contact Angela to see if she is interested in helping produce a riparian plant pamphlet.

**Children's Activity Pamphlet:** Elroy will contact Angela and Andy to see if they have interest in helping to produce a general design for Jackie. A call for volunteers will also be made at the next general meeting.

**Newsletter:** The last newsletter for 2016 will be published at the end of the year.

**Book Sales:** Pam reported book sales of \$505.93 since July 1st. Most of the book sales are for Carter's book.

**Silva Creek Garden:** The fence was installed on Sunday, Oct 16, with the help of George Farmer and several volunteers. It has not been painted yet. Elroy will ask for a couple volunteers at the next general meeting to help paint the fence. A generator will be needed, he will also ask if someone has one to borrow for the day. Denise is working on a piece of artwork that will be installed in the garden, it will be stainless steel. Eric Ockerhausen has created an arch that has been installed. The garden design committee has met recently. They decided on scheduling regular garden maintenance work days thru the growing season. And the list of expenditures for next year includes a string trimmer, a pole pruner, and leveling several garden areas so they can be more easily maintained. Betsy is stepping down as garden maintenance

director. Betsy's family foundation is giving a grant of \$6,000 to the garden. Keller is working on creating a brochure for the garden.

**Joint Audubon/GNPS Meetings:** Ron and Karen Beckenbach have proposed that once or twice a year the two organizations arrange a joint meeting to allow paying more for a special speaker. The board was in favor, and Elroy, being on both boards, will pursue this.

**Membership Survey:** Elroy and Bill plan to survey members at the January meeting to determine what they would like the GNPS to provide for them. This was last done prior to 2010.

**Holiday Party:** The party will be at the Volunteer Center, Sunday Dec 11<sup>th</sup>, starting at 1pm. Volunteers will be asked to show up at noon.

**Native Plant Dyes Pamphlet :** The project encountered lengthy delays, and there have been concerns raised about the quality of the material and the accuracy of the botanical references. The board decided that we should request a new grant application for our consideration once these concerns have been addressed. The original grant for \$325 to cover some of the printing expenses has not yet been paid.

**State NPS:** The state is working on creating a contract for the proposed outreach coordinator position. The coordinator will be expected to visit each chapter to learn their needs.

**OnLine Security:** Ron reported that there has been some suspicious email activity recently. The GNPS needs to be alert to the kind of information passed in emails.

**Communication:** Betty will issue a press release summarizing Trish's education classes. She will provide year end info to the State newsletter. This is due before Dec 31<sup>st</sup>. She will talk to Bill Norris about the presentation schedule that he is currently working on. A press release about the garden will be submitted in the spring, when plants are blooming. It will cover all the changes that have been done this year.

**Annual Picnic:** The board voted to schedule a joint GNPS/Audubon picnic in 2017.

**GNPS Scholarship:** Bill Norris has told Elroy that as of this moment there are no qualified candidates for a GNPS scholarship.

**Nov 18<sup>th</sup> General Meeting:** Ann and Hosana are scheduled to present Dyes from Native Plants. Bill Norris is working on the schedule of presentations in the Spring, with January already done. The election is scheduled for the November meeting. The already nominated candidates do not have to attend the meeting. Any candidates nominated at the meeting must be in attendance, however.

**Gila NF Planning:** The GNPS has been reviewing the Draft Gila Plan Assessment which was completed Sept 21<sup>st</sup>. A spreadsheet containing 4 suggested additions of at-risk plants and 23 species of conservation concern was submitted by Jeff to the planning team on Nov 14<sup>th</sup>. Included in the submission was a summary of suggested changes to the assessment document by Kelly Kindscher. The board agreed to have GNPS 'sign-on' to the request for changes document submitted by UGWA in response to the Draft Gila Assessment.

**Meeting adjourned at 2:37 pm.**

J. Boyd, sec