



Board Meeting Minutes Apr 19, 2017

The meeting was held in Harlan Hall at WNMU.

Call to order at 2:07 pm.

Present: Elroy Limmer, Jeff Boyd, Pam Bryant, Ron Groves, Keller Suberkropp, Bill Norris, Betty Spence

Absent: Helen Shoup, Joan Limmer

The minutes from March 8th were approved as amended.

Treasurers Report: Approximate balances: Regular checking: \$6201.39; Garden acct: \$4734.31

Presentations: The May general meeting will be held in the ABC room of the GRC. Bill is sending out thank-you notes to this year's presenters. He will review and evaluate the completed member surveys by the end of this week. Bill will create a sign-up list for non-members attending presentations, to allow GNPS to follow-up with them.

Youth Education: Ron reported that Trish does not want to teach any classes in Cliff. The contract for 10 sessions, all local, will be signed by GNPS and Trish on Earth Day. It was proposed that Carol Fugagli would be a good choice to teach in Cliff, but she is travelling in Africa much of this year.

Membership: Elroy stated there were 139 members at this time.

Bulletins, Email Communication: Pam volunteered to back up Helen for sending notifications to the membership. She will need to learn how to use MailChimp from Helen. Elroy indicated a need for 3 people who can each send email communications.

Book Sales: Ron reported sales of about \$141 since the last board meeting, including those sold at the plant sale. GNPS has recently purchased \$190 in books.

GNPS Brochures: Elroy has found one digital copy of the old GNPS membership brochure, but it is a Desktop Publisher file, which no one seems to have on their computer. Keller will try to recreate it in Word, so it can be updated for future use.

Silva Creek Garden: The workday on April 6th had 17 volunteers. The fence was painted and general clean-up completed. The next workday is Monday April 24th. A used walk-behind string trimmer has been purchased. And a gas pole saw. Aldo Leopold School volunteers cleaned up along the north boundary and placed the trash behind the fence. Elroy is trying to get the city to pick up that trash, but the bike race is delaying that.

GNPS Scholarship: Chloe Mydlowski has been selected as recipient of the GNPS scholarship. The presentation will be made at the April Meeting, this Friday.

Field Trip: Elroy reported that 23 people participated in the Field Trip on Easter Sunday. There were a number of new people, non-members.

Give Grandly: Betty Spence discussed and passed around the GG documents and information. One form is the donation receipt, to be filled out and given to the donor. Another is the list of donations, which is kept by GNPS and used to update the GG admin desk to keep them abreast of ongoing donations. Donations can be made by check (need to be dated May 6th), in person at the event (cash or check), web site (givegrandly.org), or text (#41444, type 'grandly'). There is a \$250 matching fund available. We will share a table with one other organization. We need to bring: 2 chairs, sign, tape, literature, cash jar, and laptop (for showing pictures of the Garden). The event is scheduled for May 6th, 8:30 – 2:00 pm. Volunteers are needed at 7:30 for setup, for the food table, and 2 people are needed at the table for the duration. Betty will ask for volunteers at the Friday meeting.

GNPS Plant Sale: Mountain States will deliver the plants on Thursday, April 20th at around 1pm. Lone Mtn plants will be picked up after this meeting. Keller has notified plant buyers of the change in pickup date and will be delivering plants to 5 customers who are unable to pick them up on the new date. Keller reported that \$1345 worth of Lone Mtn plants were sold, with GNPS getting 15% of that. GNPS gets about 50% of the Mountain States sales. The total profit will be around \$1500 - \$2000.

Earth Day: GNPS will have a table for the event, Saturday April 22nd, 10am – 2pm. There will be two shifts of 2 GNPS volunteers at the table. Plants left over from plant pickup day will be offered for sale. Native plant landscaping books will be on sale at the table.

State Conference 2018: The board decided to schedule the Silver City conference on Sept 7,8, and 9, with the business meeting on the 6th. Preliminary discussions were held about what rooms to reserve, where to eat, etc. Bill will reserve the GRC rooms. Elroy will form a subcommittee, with hopefully some new people as well as people who worked on the last state conference here, to start the planning effort.

Web Site: Tim & Chloe Eaton have been given the current version of the GNPS web site to transport to the new platform. Ron indicated that we need to know for sure that the FAT COW contract should not be renewed. Payment is automatically made at the end of April, the contract terminates May 15. It is assumed that the domain name needs to be renewed with FAT COW. Updates to the web site will need to be made in the near future for Give Grandly information, and to add pictures. Jeff will contact Tim for info and for the project schedule.

Email Accounts: The gilanative@gmail.com account is the primary account that is used for member communication. Ron gave Bill and Elroy the login information for this account. Pam will manage the account.

Outreach Coordinator Recommendations: Sara Digby sent recommendations for building membership to Elroy. We were running late at the time of this discussion, but agreed that Elroy would try to form a subcommittee to consider the recommendations.

Meeting adjourned at 3:43 pm.

J. Boyd, sec