



Board Meeting Minutes Oct 9, 2017

The meeting was held at Jane Kruse's house at 43 Rocky Creek Rd.

Call to order at 2:18 pm.

Present: Elroy Limmer, Joan Limmer, Jeff Boyd, Pam Bryant, Ron Groves, Keller Suberkropp, Bill Norris, Betty Spence, Helen Shoup, Jane Kruse

Absent: no one

The minutes from Sept 11th were approved.

Treasurers Report: Approximate balances: Regular checking: \$4455.77; Garden acct: \$2389.55.

Presidents Report: Due to the Gila River Festival, a number of people visited the Sylva Creek Garden for the first time and were impressed.

Elroy shared a proposal from Elli Sorensen, in which she would offer a quilt that she is working on for GNPS to use as a fund-raiser, selling raffle tickets. She only wanted to be paid for the cost of materials, about \$150. She expects the quilt to be finished around the end of the year. GNPS would start selling tickets after that, and continue until the annual conference. Elroy said he committed the GNPS and the board was ok with that.

The suggestions submitted by Sara Digby will be discussed in detail in the future when she is next scheduled to visit.

Presentations: Program presentations need to be scheduled for March, April and May 2018. Someone is needed to speak on plant propagation for March, if possible. Jane had a suggestion for the 'cactus guy' from El Paso, she will locate his name and pass it on to Bill.

Membership: Joan stated there were 139 members at this time and that Ann Hedlund has renewed.

State NPS: The NM NPS is considering spending about \$4,000 to re-new and reprint the summer/fall poster. Our board discussed this and proposed that the money would be better spent creating pamphlets of native plants for northern, central and southern NM, and possibly an information booklet on landscaping with native plants. Jane Kruse is part of the state committee formed to evaluate the proposal and will communicate the GNPS board's views.

Incoming Emails: There are lots of outside emails coming to gilanative@gmail.com. At present, Ron is the only one who monitors this account. Betty volunteered to also monitor the account in the future.

Newsletter: The next quarterly GNPS newsletter (18Q1) is due at the end of December. The plant selected for the newsletter is Arizona Cypress. If needed Elroy will take photos of the tree for Helen.

Publicity: The Nathan Newcomer article which announced his coming presentation at the next GNPS meeting was published in the October Desert Exposure. Written by Betty, it was well received by the board.

Book Sales: Ron reported sales of about \$100 in individual copies of Carter's book since the last board meeting. He wants to hold the ~20 remaining copies of the 'Common Southwestern Native Plants' for sale at the 2018 conference. Ron wants to purchase a number of copies of 'Triumph of Seeds' by Thor Hanson as he thinks there needs to be some new books for sale by GNPS. The board agreed but the number of copies to purchase was not specified. Also, the board discussed obtaining copies of Sharman's books for sale at the conference.

GNPS Brochures: Keller will be working to recreate the GNPS brochure, with revised cost of membership and new photos.

Silva Creek Garden: The butterfly event organized by Patrice Mutchnick was a big success, with ~150 children and 50 or 60 adults. The garden suffered minimal damage, and many people visited the garden for the first time. Elroy is still working on getting a sign put up on rt.180 pointing to the garden. A new, unused cement mixer was donated to the garden. The door to the shed was modified by Elroy et al. to allow the mixer to be stored there. Elroy's first project with the mixer is to create a bench. An agave from Betsy Kaido's house was transplanted to the garden into one of the planters.

Charles Holmes' hand tools will be stored in the shed

GNPS Plant Sale: Elroy thinks that Ed Leuck will be interested in helping with the 2018 plant sale. He will ask him when Ed is back in town. Elroy wants to pursue the idea of selling plant bundles (~5 plants), such as 'bird bistro', 'butterfly bistro', etc.

State Conference 2018: Bill will meet with Sodexo to discuss food, drinks. Elroy wants to create committees at the next board meeting to start work on the conference planning. Sharman Apt Russell has agreed to be the first speaker at the conference. There was general discussion about the conference, with ideas such as having sufficient time between events so they don't run into each other, and having non-hiking events such as photography, basket weaving, etc, for people who cannot hike.

Web Site: Ron and Tim Eaton have been unable to set up the book sale page with variable postage fees depending on total shipping weight. So Ron has asked Tim to set up the book sale page as it is working on the current web site. After that, it will be migrated to production. Jeff will prepare a training session for all board members who want to be able to update the web site once the new web site is installed.

Next Board Meeting: Monday, Nov 13th in room 222 of Harlan Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 3:32 pm.

J. Boyd, sec