



Board Meeting Minutes Nov 13, 2017

The meeting was held at Harlan Hall, WNMU Campus.

Call to order at 2:02 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 Oct 9th were approved.

Treasurers Report: Approximate balances: Regular checking: \$2911.21; Garden acct: \$2389.55.

Presidents Report: The State President suggested a couple speakers to Elroy for the Annual Meeting. Elroy has not been in contact with Sara Digby.

Elli Sorensen expects to complete the quilt by the end of the year. The quilt will be auctioned off as a fund raiser from Jan 2018 thru the Annual Meeting. Need to find someone to be the caretaker of the quilt: keep it safe and bring it to each monthly meeting.

Sara Digby and Jane Kruse are members of a state committee to redesign the posters. Jane suggested Sara's contact info should be on the GNPS website.

Sara has suggested bringing young people into the GNPS by staging drawing contests. This may be included in the Annual Meeting.

Presentations: Program presentations need to be scheduled for March, April and May 2018. Jan and Feb are scheduled. Nathan Newcomer's presentation in Oct was excellent. Bill asked for Nathan's address to send him a thank-you note. Jeff will get it an pass it on.

Membership: Joan stated there were 139 members at this time and that Rich Gunderson has joined.

Incoming Emails: Betty indicated that several emails to gilanative@gmail.com have indicated a change in email address. She will forward those to Joan and Helen. Joan will also forward to the State.

Newsletter: The next quarterly GNPS newsletter (18Q1) is due at the end of December. The plant selected for the newsletter is Arizona Cypress. Elroy will take some pictures and Keller will write an article about the Cypress. Ron was asked if he wants to spotlight a book in the newsletter.

Publicity: All submissions to local media are complete for the November meeting. Betty indicated a problem with one picture being in png format. Helen said she could convert that to another format.

Book Sales: Ron reported sales of about \$94 in Paypal sales. Also, \$127 in sales to the Gila Cliff Dwelling Monument.

GNPS Brochures: Keller passed around a new draft GNPS brochure, with the revised membership prices, and the new GNPS logo. There were no pictures, Elroy will supply some to Keller. The board agreed with Keller that the green color on the brochure was not optimal, he will try to better match the prior brochure's green color.

Silva Creek Garden: Patrice Mutchnick has worked on cleaning up the butterfly garden and it looks much better. The tool shed has also been cleaned, with some items being donated and some being tossed out. Elroy plans to work on the new bench during the first few months of 2018. Denise will be finishing the sculpture and moving it to the garden soon. She will be borrowing Jeff's trailer for the move.

Christmas Party: Elroy has the rental agreement. Pam will write the check to the Volunteer Center, due Dec 1. Alcohol: the understanding is that if it's a private party, with an invitation list that can be shared with the Volunteer Center, then it is ok to serve alcohol (if its for free). The idea is to provide the GNPS membership list to the Volunteer Center, and to ask people to bring a beverage of their choice. Helen will send the invitation to all members at least one week prior to the Dec 17 party. RSVP will be to the gilanative@gmail.com email address.

State Conference 2018: Bill will be meeting with Sodexo tomorrow to discuss food, drinks. A discussion about scheduling of presentations, workshops, field trips ensued. The board concurred that no more than 2 sequential presentations should be scheduled for the afternoon sessions. Concurrent presentations were acceptable. We should try to schedule workshops and/or short field trips for later in the afternoon. Mostly, longer field trips are better in the morning to avoid afternoon heat and storms. The following committees were proposed, and volunteers were penciled in to lead or join the committees:

Registration: Jane, Betty

Programs: Bill

Field Trips: Jeff, Bill

Hospitality (food, beverage, banquet): Bill, Elroy

Silent Auction: Spike (tentatively)

Budget: Pam

Media (including publicity, program brochure): Keller, Helen, Betty

Accommodations: Ron

Bill will present the committee needs to the general meeting on Friday, using large poster-size sheets. He will emphasize that the committee leaders are already selected, we just need helpers.

Gila Symposium Grant: Bill submitted a grant request for the 2018 Gila Symposium for \$600. The board approved it.

Web Site: The web site has been installed. Board members submitted changes to Jeff. Betty will write up text to be added to the Field Trips and Program pages. Elroy will supply pictures for several pages. Jeff will schedule a training session inviting the board members. The board emphasized a need to have online registration for the 2018 Annual Meeting.

Next Board Meeting: Monday, Dec 4th 2pm, in room 222 of Harlan Hall. This meeting will be focused on planning for the 2018 Annual Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.

J. Boyd, sec