



Board Meeting Minutes Dec 4, 2017

The meeting was held at Harlan Hall, WNMU Campus.

Call to order at 2:00 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 Nov 17th were approved.

Treasurers Report: Approximate balances: Regular checking: \$3005.21; Garden acct: \$2389.55.

Presidents Report: Elli Sorensen has completed the quilt and Elroy displayed it for the board. Response was unanimous – its beautiful!

Elroy has met with Audubon and BeeKeepers. They are submitting a joint grant request to Audubon. Elroy wants to stay in touch with the BeeKeepers and to sell plant groups (for bees, for butterflies, for birds) at the GNPS Plant Sale.

Raffle: The board decided to add a 2nd and 3rd prize to the raffle, to make it even more attractive. The quilt is 6'6" by 44". For a 2nd prize, Elroy suggested a photo of a flower that he has taken, printed on a metallic backing (it will not need a frame) at about 16x18". The board chose the blanket flower picture. For a 3rd prize, Pam and Ron will donate a signed photo by Jim Brandenburg. Elroy hoped that the Seedboat Gallery could display the quilt for about two weeks in the near future.

The board discussed the raffle tickets and decided tickets that listed the prizes and drawing date would be much more useful than generic tickets. Jane will investigate the cost of printing the custom tickets. It was expected that each board member should have a supply of tickets to sell. The Board agreed the cost of each ticket should be \$5, with 5 tickets for \$20.

Raffle Publicity. Discussions revolved around how to publicize the quilt raffle.

- Jane will announce the raffle at the next State meeting
- Add to the GilaNPS web site (enable buying tickets on the web page?)
- Add to next newsletter.
- Create a poster for display at active sites around town (20 or 25 copies?)
- Create a postcard describing the prizes and ticket cost
- Add to the Christmas party announcement to members
- Display the quilt at the Seedboat Gallery
- Display the quilt at all upcoming events (Gila Symposium, Earth Day, Gila River Festival, etc)

Helen and Jane will work on the poster. Pam and Betty will talk to Nan at the Seedboat Gallery.

Presentations: Program presentations have been scheduled for January, February, and April 2018. Still need a presenter for March, Trish Hurley was suggested. Ken Sexton was suggested for May. Bill will approach both of them.

Membership: Joan announced there are two new members (on one membership).

Newsletter: The next quarterly GNPS newsletter (18Q1) is due at the end of December, Helen needs the pictures and articles by Christmas. Keller will provide the plant article (Arizona Cypress), Elroy the pictures, and Ron the book description (the new seed book). Elroy will provide pictures and info announcing the raffle.

Book Sales: Ron reported a sale of \$80 in books to the Bosque del Apache. The Board approved purchasing an advertising spot in the State Newsletter, costing \$225 annually. Ron told the board that GNPS is almost out of the Common Grasses of Grant and Catron Counties, published by UGWA. MacDonald, the author, does not have the digital master. Some discussion arose about how to reprint the booklet, but no decisions were made.

Christmas Party: The quilt will be displayed at the Christmas party.

State Conference 2018: Elroy suggested a gift consisting of a flash drive with flower pictures (taken by Elroy) on a lanyard. The board received this suggestion well.

Planning Committees:

Registration: Jane, Betty, Betsy

Programs: Bill, Ken Sexton

Field Trips: Jeff, Jim Blurton

Hospitality (food, beverage, banquet): Bill, Elroy, Ken Sexton, Jane Spinti

Silent Auction: no one (Spike did not accept)

Budget: Pam

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

Accommodations: Ron

Quilt: Betty will be primary caretaker, backup is Mary Teresa. Joan will keep it until after the holidays.

Web Site: Web site training is scheduled for Wed, Dec 13th 2pm at Miller Library. Jeff distributed copies of an Introductory WordPress Manual to be brought to the training session and if possible reviewed beforehand.

Next Board Meeting: Monday, Dec 18th 4pm, the back room of Little Toad Brewpub. The room is reserved until 6pm.

Meeting adjourned at 3:44 pm.

J. Boyd, sec