



## Board Meeting Minutes May 14, 2018

The meeting was held at Harlan Hall, room 222.

### **Call to order at 3:03 pm.**

**Present:** Elroy Limmer, Jeff Boyd, Pam Bryant, Ron Groves, Jane Kruse, Betty Spence, Keller Suberkropp

**Absent:** Helen Shoup, Bill Norris, Joan Limmer

The minutes from April 9th Board Meeting were approved.

**Treasurers Report:** Approximate balances: Regular checking: \$8463.33; Garden acct: \$1494.22.

**Presidents Report:** The Board agreed to send a letter to NM Wilderness Alliance in support of a Wild and Scenic River designation. Elroy and Betty will get together to revise the sample letter and will send it to Nathan Newcomer.

**State Representative:** The State NPS Board approved the submission of Rachel Jankowitz comments to the Gila National Forest Draft Management Plan in the name of the NPS of NM. The comments were based on Patrice Mutchnick's work for the GNPS.

**Quilt Raffle:** The Seedboat Gallery will be closing at the end of July. The quilt has been displayed there and the staff has been good about collecting raffle purchases. Betty will contact them before she leaves in late June to make sure it doesn't close early and if so will collect it. So far the raffle has collected \$1220.

**Presentations:** The board discussed scheduling the September presentation (avoiding the Gila River Festival on Sept 21). A proposal was to move the presentation to the 28<sup>th</sup>. Elroy will talk to Bill Norris about that possibility.

**GNPS Mail Box:** Pam will provide Jane with a key to the GNPS PO Box prior to Ron and Pam's trip in mid-June. The board discussed the possible location of the 2<sup>nd</sup> key, but no one knew where it was.

**Membership:** Stands at 143. Several new members were added at the GNPS-Audubon Picnic.

**Field Trips:** The board discussed scheduling the September field trip on Sept 16<sup>th</sup>, between the NPS Convention and the Gila River Festival.

**Book Sales:** A BLM purchase via the web site and Paypal was recently done which was for numerous copies of 6 different books. Some of these books are in short supply,

so Ron is planning to refund those books he can't deliver. He will also contact Jack Carter about rumors regarding a revision to the popular 'Common Southwestern Native Plants'.

**Plant Sale:** Lone Mountain is supplying this week the plants that were due in mid-May. Keller will deliver those plants to the waiting customers.

**Web Site:** Jeff will remove the Give Grandly logo from the main page, and replace it with a more generic picture. This picture links to the Events page.

**Publicity:** Betty has sent out press releases for the May field trip and presentation.

**Bulletin:** Some discussion about problems with Mail Chimp: 1) they give preference to 'paid' customers and 'free' customers sometimes have to wait up to a week to have an email sent. The board did not know the cost of being a 'paid' customer. 2) Once a member has been inactivated on Mail Chimp, there seems no way of restoring these members to active status. These members do not get their bulletins.

### **Silva Creek Garden:**

- Landscape blocks have been installed around Jeri's garden.
- On Wednesday, a stone bench will be constructed
- All plants have been planted.
- Denise will be attaching a plaque to the 'Tree of Life' sculpture
- Keller will be bringing a garbage can to the garden on Wednesday.

**State Conference 2018:** An email notice needs to be sent to GNPS members calling for donations for auction items. Due to space concerns, furniture cannot be accepted. Elroy will draw up the notice and contact Helen to send it out.

Betty plans to write a press release for the Conference by late June. It will be sent to newspapers around the state that have local NPS chapters. She will first send it to board members to solicit input.

32 people have registered for the Conference at this time, with \$3489.67 received.

A decision to submit paid advertisements is shelved for later in the summer when the level of registration can be better judged. Likewise, the Board thought it was too early to get Sara's poster printed.

The Board discussed the level of student subsidy. In the Feb. Board meeting the following was decided: 2 students at the Pecos level will have all expenses paid except lodging. These students will be presenters. 8 students at the Cordillera level will have their cost paid except for the banquet and meals, these are constructing posters.

Betty will be sending out emails to presenters, workshop leaders, field trip leaders to inform them about registering (their fee is waived).

Elroy asked if the GNPS will be responsible for taking pictures at the Conference for use in the state newsletter. It was generally agreed that GNPS will need to take the pictures. Dennis Switzer was brought up as a possibility. Betty did not know if he was available to do it.

Elroy will meet with Bill Norris when he is back in town around July 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss University and Food Service issues regarding the Conference.

**Sara Digby:** Sara designed a poster for the Conference and emailed copies to Jane, Ron, and Elroy. The board discussed making some changes to the poster. Betty and Jane will meet to recommend changes and Jane will contact Sara.

**Next Board Meeting:** Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:17 pm.**

J. Boyd, sec