



Board Meeting Minutes Sept 12, 2018

The meeting was held at Harlan Hall, room 222.

Call to order at 3:03 pm.

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

Absent: Helen Shoup, Betty Spence

Treasurers Report: Income from the recently completed NPS Convention totaled \$15,547. Expenses are not yet final, so the net is unknown at this time. The Raffle income has exceeded \$2000. A couple suggestions were made to the board for spending some of the eventual profit: donate to the WNMU Foundation (as WNMU did not charge for the use of their facilities); give some \$\$ to the State NPS.

State Conference 2018. A lot of good comments were received about the conference from attendees. Elroy complimented the volunteers on their 'outstanding job'. Jane asked the board for their comments about the student scholarship program at the convention. The comments were generally good: their presentations and posters were good, as was their participation on field trips and workshops. Ron indicated that the local student participation was poor (the students were from northern NM).

Programs: Bill indicated that monthly programs thru Feb 2019 were set.

State Representative: The State Board has a new VP, Sue Small and Treasurer, Ann Conley. Statewide membership has grown by 13 members in the past year. Sara Digby's contract is done at the end of 2018, there is no money for renewal. A new membership brochure has been printed and distributed to the chapters. Membership costs are unchanged except seniors will no longer receive a discount. The newsletter will be distributed only as a paper copy, there will be no online version. Keller will write an article on Angela for the next newsletter. The next state conference will be in Santa Fe, June 6-9, 2019.

GNPS Membership: no update until October.

Book Sales: Gross book sales at the convention: \$1573. Sharman Russell will waive the cost of her books sold by GNPS during the convention, with Elroy inspecting her tree as compensation. The board approved donating the books that don't sell to the Friends of the City of Rocks, there will be about 10-12 books. Ron asked that a label be displayed in return that directs customers to the GNPS book sale page.

Garden: Elroy reported that Dee Rae, who has managed gardens in the past, has shown interest in the Silva Creek Garden. She and Angela will work together to install plant labels which have just been received. Her future involvement is to be determined.

Quilt Raffle: The quilt will be displayed and tickets sold at the upcoming Gila River Festival. Elroy will review the festival schedule and will ask some members for help selling tickets at the event.

Nominating Committee: will be made up of Elroy, Pam, and Betty. The positions to be filled are President, Treasurer, Secretary. Names have to be reported by the October general meeting.

Thank You Party: Elroy would like to plan a party in Nov or Dec as a 'thank you' to garden volunteers and convention volunteers. Elroy, Pam, and 2 others to be determined will be on the committee to plan this event.

Plant Sale 2019: Initial discussion regarding next plant sale. Keller favors holding it in the Fall, since plant availability from Mtn States would be far better, and Trish Hurley and Hanna Blood could provide plants they grew from seed. The board suggested two sales, one in the Spring (since people are more enthusiastic in the Spring) and one in the Fall. Keller does not want to do two plant sales. Ron has a couple contacts for wholesalers in the area and will talk to them about plant availability.

GNPS Web Site: The board was in favor of adding pictures and Jack's banquet presentation on a web page. Elroy has received a lot of pictures and will review them for inclusion. And he will talk to Jack about getting a copy of his presentation.

Next Board Meeting: Not specified.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm.

J. Boyd, sec