



Board Meeting Minutes October 17, 2018

The meeting was held at Harlan Hall, room 222.

Call to order at 3:05 pm.

Present: Elroy Limmer, William Norris, Pamela Bryant, Ron Groves, Joan Limmer, Keller Suberkropp, Betty Spence; Guest, Jane Kruse

Absent: Jeff Boyd, Helen Shoup

The minutes of Sept. 12, 2018, were approved.

Treasurers Report: Approximate balances: Regular checking: \$11,478.88; Garden acct: \$698.53. Net income from annual conference after expenses: \$3,638.26. Final income from quilt raffle: \$2,108.

President's Report: He had heard many positive things about the state conference our Chapter hosted in September, including a note from Joan Woodward, representative of the Las Cruces Chapter.

Vice-President's Report: Speakers had been lined up for most of the 2018-2019 season of evening meetings:
November – George Farmer
February - Tricia Hurley
March – Ron Perry
April – Hanna Blood
Bill asked for ideas for January and May and suggested the possibility of a workshop for January.

The question was raised whether it was necessary to have a meeting in May. Bill also suggested another membership survey to find out what topics were of interest to the membership. It was decided that those questions could be left to be considered by the new board, since elections for officers were to be held in November.

State Representative's Report: No state board meeting since the one reported on at the last meeting.

Membership: According to the new list the Gila Native Plant Society has 142 members, including a few who joined as a result of the NPSNM annual conference.

Book Sales: All the new books acquired for the annual conference are now listed on the website page. Some older books will be donated to the Friends of the City of Rocks. There had been one order of *Common Southwestern Native Plants*. Our chapter's ad did not appear, as it should have, in the latest state newsletter; it will appear in the next quarter newsletter instead. It was agreed that we would continue to pay for an ad for book sales in each quarter at a cost of \$240 per year, the cost for next year to start with the 2nd quarter newsletter.

Publicity: A press release for the October meeting appeared in the *Silver City Daily Press* on Oct. 16. Calendar notices were placed in five local online calendars.

Garden: The Silva Creek Botanical Garden is looking good. Elroy will call a work party at some point to prepare the garden for winter, in particular to protect some of the plants, including Charles Holmes's memorial black cherry, from deer depredation. Angela Flanders is working on proposal for a roof over the amphitheater area; at some point it may be necessary to bring in an architect to ensure that her unique design is structurally feasible.

Raffle: The quilt raffle will be drawn at the meeting on October 19th. Elroy will purchase a 15-gallon bucket for the tickets. Someone with no ticket in the raffle will be asked to draw the tickets; first place will be drawn first.

Elections: Don Graves has agreed to be nominated for President, Wendy Graves for Treasurer and Bill Norris for Vice-President. We still need a nominee for Secretary. Elroy asked Ken Sexton if he would be willing; he will think about it and let us know. The slate of nominees must be submitted to the members by email chimp as soon as possible (technically 30 days in advance).

GNPS 30th Anniversary: It was agreed that the anniversary would be celebrated in connection with the Christmas party. Since Ken Ladner's wife, Becky Smith, helped to start the Gila Native Plant Society many years ago, Betty will contact her to invite them to the Christmas Party or at least get some historical information from her.

Grant Request: According to the grant request Pam circulated, Carol Brady, who lives at 13th and Virginia Streets across from the Dog Park, is requesting a grant of \$450 to create a garden on her public strip of land along the street. Pam showed a rough map of her idea. It was agreed that it was a worthwhile experiment, provided all native plants were used. It was pointed out that the plan needed to be made more specific before the grant could be approved. Elroy will talk to her.

Thank-You Party for Volunteers: It would include both garden and conference volunteers and take place at Jane Kruse's house on the weekend of November 3-4, preferably the Saturday, in the late afternoon. Betty and Jane would put together a list of conference volunteers, while Elroy would supply the list of garden volunteers. Pam would work with Shevek on catering once she knew the number of people.

Dissemination of conference funds: Of the excess over expenses from the conference, it was decided to give:

- \$1,000 to the University Foundation, if possible to be earmarked for event management; Bill will check on the technicalities;
- \$1500 to the Jack and Martha Carter Fund; Pam will contact Deb Farson about how to do this.

The possibility of giving scholarships was raised; Bill will follow up.

Betsy Kaido's Award: An honorary shovel with an engraved handle will be presented to her at the Christmas Party in appreciation of her great contributions to the Silva Creek Botanical Garden. The expense for a shovel that allowed direct engraving on the handle was approved. Elroy will see about the engraving.

Thank-You Letter to Sara Digby: It was agreed that a letter of appreciation would be sent by email to Sara Digby, with copies to the state board, for her help in organizing the annual conference. The draft submitted by Betty was approved. Jane will supply emails for the board members.

Plant Sale: Jane Kruse suggested that Hanna Blood might be tapped as an additional source of plants for the plant sale, in view of her experience in propagation. Elroy will discuss the idea with Hanna. It was mentioned that, given the problems with Mountain States, other nursery sources should be explored.

Next Board meeting: Not specified.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm