



## **Board Meeting Minutes, January 10, 2019**

The meeting was held in Harlan Hall, Room 222

### **Call to order 5:00 pm.**

**Present:** Don Graves, Wendy Graves, Bill Norris, Elroy Limmer, Joan Limmer, Keller Suberkropp, Helen Shoup, Jane Spinti

**Absent:** Betty Spence, Jane Kruse

**Minutes** from the December 6, 2018 were approved as corrected. Correction made by Betty Spence to the “Give Grandly” section of the minutes to read: Betty will volunteer for the publicity committee, but will not be the publicity chair for Give Grandly.

### **Board Reports**

**Publicity:** Betty Spence provided this report: Press release on the January 18th meeting was sent to the Silver City Daily Press and the Grant County Beat. Calendar notices for the meeting were sent to Desert Exposure (appeared in the January issue) and the following online calendars: Grant County Health Council community calendar (already appeared), Silver City Tourism Calendar (aka Arts and Cultural District calendar), the Chamber of Commerce calendar, the Gila Region Community News calendar, the KRWG community events calendar and the Grant County Beat calendar. The Programs page on our website was updated.

**Treasurer's Report:** Wendy reported names have been added/deleted on bank accounts to reflect changes in newly elected Officers. Meeting with Edward Jones to take place January 11, 2019.

**President's Report:** Need clarification on who qualifies as Board Members and By-Laws need to be upgraded to clarify when Board members are elected.

Don would like to form an Educational Committee to plan programs for grade, middle and high school students as well as Boy Scout and Girl Scout groups. There is a need to make programs more accessible to new members, Hispanic students/groups, and underrepresented families/groups. Jeff Boyd will continue to work with Educational Committee. Bill offered to be liaison with local Boy Scout Group.

**Vice President's Report:** Bill reports programs for GNPS meetings are set-up through May.

**NPS State Chapter Representative's Report:** Keller reports next meeting is January 26, 2019.

**Newsletter/Bulletin Report:** Helen volunteered to continue to edit the GNPS Bulletin/Newsletter. Thank you Helen.

**Membership Report:** Joan reported currently GNPS has 143 members. Membership includes both local and out-of-state members. Membership holds steady at about 140 members.

**Education Report:** Don is looking for someone to Chair the Education Committee. Jeff Boyd will continue as member of Education Committee.

**GNPS Website:** Jeff Boyd has offered to continue to update the website. Elroy stated photos of Silva Creek Botanical Garden need to be updated on the Website.

**Book Sales:** Explore possibility of having Ron Groves bring one book to each GNPS meeting. Perhaps Ron would give a brief synopsis of the books contents (possibly book would be related to GNPS speaker's topic?). Bring a few copies that would be available for purchase?

**Silva Creek Botanical Garden Report:** Fence on North end of garden has been completed by Denise Friedrick and Bill Norris with help from Elroy Limmer. It looks fabulous. Elroy offered to continue as Garden Supervisor. Future plans include edging main pathway, tree removal, and creation of a shade structure over the amphitheatre. Next workday in late February.

**Field Trips:** Hanna Blood will continue as coordinator and leader of summer field trips. Suggestions were made for adding additional field trips for new members and children. Bill suggested returning to a format of "Learn 10 Plants" to make it easier for new members/children to participate.

### **Old Business:**

**Plants and Pollinators Grant:** Presented by Southwest NM Audubon President Terry Timme. Terry reports grant monies are being requested from multiple sources, including GNPS, to create a 20' high and 40' long mural on corner of Texas and Broadway. Mural will depict plants, birds, and butterflies showing bird and butterfly significance to plant pollination. Monetary request from GNPS is \$1000.00.

The following motion was sent to the Board by email, with voting taking place by email. Motion to the GNPS Board by Don Graves and seconded by Wendy Graves: "The Gila Native Plant Society will commit \$1000 in funds for the Plants and Pollinators Mural Project, as reported to the GNPS Board on Thursday, January 10th by SWNMAS President Terry Timme." The motion passed.

**Carol Brady Grant Request:** Request for grant money to improve city property that adjoins Carol Brady's property at SW corner of Virginia and 13th streets.

Elroy moved to Grant \$100.00 to Carol, with monies used to allow Carol to hire Hanna Blood to create a plan for the area. Joan seconded. Motion passed.

**30th Anniversary Celebration:** Jane Kruse and Betty Spence are investigating GNPS records to determine when GNPS chapter was formed - about 30 years ago.

**Education with School Groups:** Trish Hurley met with three grade school groups.

Continuation of this program to be tabled for now and taken up again when new Education Committee meets.

**New Business:****Plant Brochure Grant:** “A Beginners guide to Planting Native Perennials of the Gila Region”

Don, Wendy and Betty have applied for a grant from the State Chapter to create a brochure of 20 plants that are native to this area and suitable for landscape planting. Brochure will include benefits to wildlife, traditional uses, bloom time, when to plant, and sketches of each plant. Plan is to form an ad hoc committee to choose plants for the brochure. Keller will present their grant request at the State Meeting on January 26th.

**Spring Plant Sale:** Plants to be acquired from Mt. States and Trish Hurley’s nursery. Keller, Jane Kruse and Wendy Graves will coordinate sale.

**Social Events:** Bill reports a survey of Members indicated Members would like to participate in more GNPS social events. Current social events include the GNPS/Audubon Picnic in June,, a GNPS general membership gathering to honor all volunteers in fall, and a potluck holiday party in December

Discussed adding a new event - open house garden party at Silva Creek Botanical Garden - probably in August.

**Next Meeting:** February 7, 2019

**Motion to Adjourn** at 6:03 PM.

Jane Spinti, Secretary