



Board Meeting Minutes, February 7, 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, Betty Spence, Hanna Blood, Ron Groves, Jane Kruse, Jane Spinti

Absent: Helen Shoup

Minutes from the January 10, 2019 were approved as corrected.

Board Reports

Treasurer's Report: Wendy reported GNPS account has a total of \$8406.24. Silva Creek Account had a donation of \$13,000, which brings total to 15,030.39.

President's Report: Don has reserved Gomez Peak Shelter for combined GNPS/Audubon membership picnic on May 12, 2019.

Vice President's Report: Bill reports programs for GNPS meetings are set-up through May. Bill is contacting speakers for fall programs.

NPS State Chapter Representative's Report: Keller Suberkropp and Jane Kruse attended the January 26, 2019 meeting in Santa Fe. State membership is up 60 members for a total of 778 NPSNM members. Tom Stewart is our contact person at NPSNM. The NPSNM Annual meeting has been scheduled for August 1-4, 2019 in Santa Fe. Keller has information on accommodations, etc.

Two monetary grants were awarded to the Gila Region: One for removal of Tamarisk and one for a plant inventory at the Gila Cliff Dwellings

Newsletter/Bulletin Report: No report

Membership Report: Joan Limmer reported currently GNPS has 134 members. Membership includes both local and out-of-state members.

Education Report: Jeff Boyd has volunteered to work with Don Graves on GNPS workshops.

GNPS Website: Jeff Boyd is on vacation. No report at this time.

Book Sales: Ron Groves reports sales of Jack Carter's book, "Trees and Shrubs of New Mexico" continues to be primary source of book sales. Ron reports 50 copies are still available. Elroy Limmer will briefly spotlight the book "Bringing Nature Home" at the February GNPS meeting and will have 5 copies available for purchase.

Silva Creek Botanical Garden Report: Elroy has been stratifying Milkweed seeds for planting at the garden this spring. A clean-up workday is scheduled for late February.

Field Trips: Hanna Blood has created a list of possible field trip locations and will continue as coordinator and leader of summer field trips.

Public Relations: Betty Spence has submitted a press release for the February meeting to local papers and has posted notices on various online calendars as well as the GNPS website. She has plans for publicizing the spring plant sale.

Old Business:

Brochure Grant: Proposal to NPSNM for a grant to create a brochure "A Beginner's Guide to Planting Native Perennials of the Gila Region" was not funded.

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. Previously Carol was awarded a \$100.00 grant by GNPS to create a plan for the area. Hannah Blood has created a plan. Motion was made by Betty Spence and seconded by Bill Norris to grant additional monies of \$350.00 for the purchase of native plants and labor to complete a native planting area on Carol's corner. Motion passed.

GNPS Native Plant Sale 2019: Keller reports pre-sale ordering will take place March 16th at a location to be determined. Plant pick-up from Mt. States will take place April 17 and plants will be available for pick-up by buyers later that morning.

GNPS By-laws: Wendy reports there have been several revisions of the By-laws. Question whether the latest revision is the version that that appears on Website? Will be investigated. Additionally, Betty Spence will investigate whether By-laws allow for voting by email.

New Business:

Hand lenses for field trips: Will be taken up by board at next meeting after pricing information has been obtained.

Brochure Grant: Don moved and Bill seconded a motion that "A Beginners guide to Planting Native Perennials of the Gila Region" as specified in the recently rejected grant proposal to the NPSNM, will be fully funded by the GNPS. Motion passed.

Don, Wendy and Betty have plans to create a brochure of 20 plants that are native to this area and suitable for landscape planting. An ad hoc group will be formed to help carry out the objectives of the guide. Brochure will include benefits to wildlife, traditional uses, bloom time, when to plant, sketches of each plant, etc.

Richard Felger's Guide to Native Trees: Elroy Limmer has been working with Jeff Boyd to make Felger's guide available on website. Guide includes pictures by Elroy Limmer. Pictures need to be reduced in size. Discussion of other sites where guide will be available for purchase? Will be tabled for continued discussion at next meeting.

Field Trips: Discussion about best day for field trips. Bill Norris stated that this has been taken up in the past. Although Sunday mornings do not work for all members, Bill reported it is the best day for most members.

Social Time after GNPS meetings: Currently we retire to a downstairs classroom for snacks and conversation after GNPS meetings. Don has requested that we meet in the hallway outside the lecture room on the second floor in the future. Board members agreed.

Next Meeting: To be announced

Motion to Adjourn at 6:04 PM.

Jane Spinti, Secretary