



Board Meeting Minutes, July 9, 2019

The meeting was held in Harlan Hall, Room 222

Call to order 3:00 pm.

Present: Don Graves, Wendy Graves, Bill Norris, Elroy Limmer, Joan Limmer, Betty Spence, Ron Groves, Jane Spinti

Absent: Helen Shoup, Hanna Blood, Keller Suberkropp

Minutes from the May 2, 2019 meeting were approved.

Board Reports

Treasurer's Report: Give Grandly event raised \$1074.25 to bring GNPS account total to \$10,905.78. Silva Creek Botanical Garden account totals \$14,365.66.

President's Report: Don reported that GNPS activity at Earth Day involved kids making bookmarks painted with floral designs. Event was a success thanks in great part to the leadership of Les Brandt. Thank you Les.

Vice President's Report: Bill initiated a discussion of members preferences for fall program speakers and workshops. Bill will be contacting speakers for fall programs.

NPS State Chapter Representative's Report: No report

Newsletter/Bulletin Report: No report

Membership Report: Joan Limmer reported currently GNPS has 141 members. Up seven members from May meeting. Membership includes both local and out-of-state members.

Education Report: Don will meet with Jeff Boyd and other members of the Education Committee on July 11.

GNPS Website: No report

Book Sales: Ron Groves has been working with Jeff Boyd to rework the book sale section of the website. Additional copies of the folding butterfly guide have become available.

Silva Creek Botanical Garden Report: Elroy reported that monies to roof the seating area of the Botanical Garden have been generously donated by Betsy Kaido. Elroy has come up with a plan for the design of the roof and will be working with an engineer to finalize a roof plan. Plan needs to be approved by the Town of Silver City.

Plans to enclose garden kiosk with lexan doors was also discussed. A motion to pay for lexan doors out of the general fund was passed.

Nava from Bear Creek Herbs is working on a plan to create an herbal bed at SCBG. Don and Elroy will meet with Nava on July 13th to discuss plans. Expect about \$350.00 will be needed to acquire materials for the herbal bed.

Field Trips: Next field trip is July 21st.

Public Relations: Betty Spence has been updating information about meetings and field trips on the GNPS website as well as making sure State website is updated.

Old Business:

Plant Sale Committee: Considering moving Plant Sale from Spring to June or July to coincide with monsoon season. Possibly ask local vendors; Hanna Blood, Trish Hurley, Gabe Feldman, etc. to provide native potted plants for sale. Considering moving site for plant sale to SCBG.

Education Initiatives/Fall Plant Courses: List of native plants appropriate for our area has been created. Plan is to create a brochure with information about each of those plants. Motion was made to contact Hanna Blood about creating the brochure with plant information. Motion passed. A drawing or picture of each plant is also needed for the brochure and will be addressed at a future time. Brochure will be available as folded paper guide as well as being available on GNPS website.

Education committee plans to meet with school art teachers this fall.

New Business:

Bee City USA: A Xerces Society initiative to increase land devoted to native plants, reduce pesticide use etc. was discussed. Thus far the City of Albuquerque is only New Mexico city designated as a Bee City. Discussion whether GNPS will pursue Bee City/Pollinator City designation.

Summer/Fall Gnps Gatherings: Plans in progress to have a gathering to celebrate GNPS volunteers. Probably in October at Little Walnut picnic grounds. Potluck event with beverages.

Next Meeting: To be announced

Motion to Adjourn at 4:05 pm.

Jane Spinti, Secretary