



Board Meeting Minutes, December 3, 2019

The meeting was held in Harlan Hall, Room 222

Call to order 5:00 pm

Present: Don Graves, Wendy Graves, Elroy Limmer, Joan Limmer, Keller Suberkropp, Betty Spence, Les Brandt, Ron Groves, Beth Leuck, Emily Pollom, Jane Spinti

Absent: Bill Norris, Hanna Blood

Minutes from September 9, 2019 were approved.

Board Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Wendy reported GNPS account has a balance of \$894182. Silva Creek Garden Account has a balance of \$8395.12.

President's Report: Betsy Kaido has volunteered to replace Helen Shoup as editor of the GNPS quarterly Bulletin. Don and Betty Spence will work together to produce the 1st quarter Bulletin for 2020 by January 1, 2020 and Betsy Kaido will take over as editor of the bulletin starting with the second quarter 2020.

Vice President's Report: No Report.

NPS State Chapter Representative's Report: Keller will attend the State NPS meeting in mid-January in Santa Fe. Other members are welcome to attend.

Newsletter/Bulletin Report: No report.

Membership Report: Joan reports there are currently 133 members.

Education Report: Jeff Boyd, MaryAnn Kresig, Bill Norris and Don Graves met. Education events will be listed in the GNPS Bulletin and the NPS State Newsletter. Two teachers from Stout will work on science and natural history projects. An art teacher from Stout is working on a note card project to produce native plant note cards.

GNPS Website: No report.

Book Sales: Ron Groves reported that Jack Carter's 2012 Second Edition book "Trees and Shrubs of New Mexico" sells very well and remaining inventory is dwindling. Question is whether to order additional copies and how many. Committee of Ron, Elroy Limmer, Bill Norris and others will meet to decide how to proceed. Book will need Genus and Species name up-dates.

Silva Creek Botanical Garden: Elroy reports that 21 yards of soil were placed in the southwest corner of the garden for the new medicinal plant bed.

Don and Elroy met with the City Manager with a proposal to put a roof on the garden amphitheater.

Curb cuts which caused flooding in the garden during heavy rain have been filled with concrete.

Patrice Mutchnick paid for and placed a seating bench near the butterfly garden.

Field Trips: No report

Public Relations: Betty Spence reported the information about the holiday potluck on December 15th will go out to members in an email.

Old Business:

GNPS Plant Sale:

Don, Maryann Kresig and Ed Leuck have formed a committee to plan a fall plant sale. Sale will include local vendors with native plants.

Holiday Party:

December 15, 2019, noon to 2 p.m. at the Commons. Potluck. Bring your own plate, cup, eating utensils and beverage of choice. A pork roast, water, tea and coffee will be provided.

New Business:

Holloman Flyovers:

Holloman fly-overs meeting to address citizen's concerns to be held December 4, 2019. Don has prepared a written statement to explain concerns GNPS has with flares, fire, noise and other issues connected with F16's flying over the Gila National Forest.

Next Meeting: To be announced

Motion to Adjourn at 6:00 PM.

Jane Spinti, Secretary