



Board Meeting Minutes April 25, 2016

The meeting was held at the Marketplace Café Community Room.

Call to order at 1:32 pm.

Present: Jeff Boyd, Pam Bryant, Ron Groves, Charles Holmes, Elroy and Joan Limmer, Helen Shoup, Betty Spence, Keller Suberkropp

Absent: Andy Payne

The minutes from March 28th were approved.

Treasurers Report: Approximate balances: Regular checking: \$1500; Garden acct: ~\$2300, EO Jones acct: \$33,950. A withdrawal from the EO Jones account may be needed depending on bills soon to be paid vs. receipts.

Plant Sale: Keller reported preliminary results of the plant sale. Actual numbers won't be reported until next month's meeting, but in general there were fewer sales than last year, but the profit will be comparable.

Published Information Verification: Ron discussed the need to verify information that GNPS publishes. He specifically referred to the end time for the plant pick-up as being listed differently in different media. Pam volunteered to be a verifier, and Helen and Betty will verify each others' work.

Web Site: Ron asked that the GNPS contact email be listed on both the main page and the contacts page. He will confirm with Jeff specifically which email id to use. Betty suggested that the Field Trips page should have a general description that applies to all field trips. Also, Kevin Keith's contact information should be listed so people can contact him directly should they have questions. Ron will get Kevin's approval to do this.

Youth Education: Andy needs to work out an agreement with Trish to teach a class in Cliff in addition to the local classes. The board agreed to pay Trish for travel expenses. To limit total costs, it was suggested that one local class could be dropped from the schedule to compensate for the travel expenses.

Adult Education: Donna Stevens has proposed teaching a Trees/Shrubs class on June 17, 18, and a Wildflowers class in August. The board agreed to charge members \$15 and non-members \$20 for the class. Betty will create a press release describing the Trees/Shrubs class. Elroy will arrange to take a picture of Donna during her upcoming WILL class that will be used in the press release.

Book Sale: Ron reported that \$669 worth of orders have been fulfilled since Jan 1, not including about \$250 purchased thru the website thru Paypal.

Scholarship Grants: The candidate receiving a scholarship does not want his name mentioned in any press release or newsletter. Betty will work on a press release that describes the scholarship program w/o mentioning his name.

Membership: Joan reported one additional member has joined.

Give Grandly: Give Grandly is scheduled for May 14th 8:30 – 2:30 at the Farmers Market. GNPS is a member of the Event Committee, with Andy and Jeff sharing the responsibility. Next meeting is April 28th at 9am at HMS, with the committee meeting following immediately at 10am. Four volunteers are needed to ‘man’ the table: 2 for each 3 hour slot. Betty volunteered, Helen will send a notice to GNPS members asking for volunteers, the hope is to not depend too heavily on board members. The following items will be needed for the event: table, chairs, canopy, 4 five gallon buckets filled with sand, banner.

Silva Creek Garden: Elroy reported that he has not heard from Denise, who was preparing the fence sections. A trailer is needed to haul the sections from Denise’s house to the Garden. The sections are 16ft long, so a trailer at least 12ft long is needed. George Farmer, who has such a trailer, is soon leaving town for a month. Jeff will contact Andy about using his trailer. A work session is scheduled for Friday, April 29th to plant numerous new plants. A discussion was centered on an art display at the garden. Denise will create a piece from the excess pipe used to build the fence. Once that is installed, local artists will be asked to create additional items.

Children’s Activity Booklet: Jackie Blurton agreed to create an activity booklet for GNPS, but she is going on a long trip soon. Ron will contact Andy and Angela to create a committee to work out a general direction for Jackie when she returns in October. Charles may also serve on the committee.

Newsletter: Mail Chimp has been giving warning messages that the email notifications may end up in the recipient’s spam folder because GNPS’s email account is on gmail. Helen will monitor this possible problem. We need a backup person to be able to use Mail Chimp when Helen is away. Discussed having a ‘refresher’ on how to use Mail Chimp, but nothing was scheduled.

Programs for Fall 2016: Ron will contact the USFS to see if a followup presentation on Forest Planning (in Sept) will be worthwhile. Ron will contact Bill Norris for possible presenters.

Board Elections: Ron mentioned that elections are due in November, and implored board members to consider who might be possible candidates for board positions.

Meeting adjourned at 3:01 pm.

J. Boyd, sec