



Board Meeting Minutes Dec 19, 2016

The meeting was held at the Marketplace Café Community Room.

Call to order at 1:30 pm.

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

Absent: Helen Shoup

The minutes from Nov 14th were approved.

Treasurers Report: Approximate balances: Regular checking: \$2688.88; Garden acct: \$999.43.

Presentations: Bill has scheduled presentations for all the Spring meetings, even including May. January: Bill Norris, Botany at WNMU; February: Kathy Whiteman, WNMU Outdoor Program; March Richard Felger, Edible plants; April: Cory Nabors, Geology, Earthquakes in Okla; May: Johnny Cochran, Eastern AZ botany field work

Web Site: Bill will try to find a WNMU student to re-work the web page and maintain it. Russ Kleinman will create a Facebook page for GNPS and will keep it updated.

By-laws and Officer Job Description: Ron handed out copies of the By-laws to the board for review. Elroy handed out a copy of the officer job description to each officer. These documents are intended to be reviewed prior to the next board meeting and updated at that meeting.

Youth Education: Decision on a contract with Trish for 2017 was put off for next month. Ron indicated that he'd like Trish to venture to more outlying schools. Pam indicated that children's education in plants should be a high priority.

Children's Activity Pamphlet: A meeting of the subcommittee to design a pamphlet will be held this Wednesday. Jackie's goal is to complete the project by Earth Day 2017.

Membership: Nothing new to report.

Newsletter: Helen was not in attendance.

Adult Education: Plant propagation is considered a popular subject for a future workshop. Elroy will contact Christy Dunn to possibly present the class. Richard Felger is also a possibility.

Book Sales: Pam reported book sales of about \$1800 in 2016. Since early March, sales thru the web site (via PayPal) have been \$677 and there has been \$384 in Institutional sales. The board voted to place a book sales ad in the state Newsletter in 2017, as had been done in 2016, for a cost of \$241.

Silva Creek Garden: The fence has not been painted due to the water being shut off due to the cold weather. Will try to complete the project in late winter/early spring. A work day will be scheduled in January to clean up the leaves. Plans are to purchase a walk-behind weed trimmer and a power pole pruner. Keller is working on creating a brochure for the garden. He passed around a draft of the brochure, which looked good. Elroy wants a panel that can be torn off for making a donation to the garden.

Membership Survey: Elroy and Bill plan to survey members at the January meeting to determine what they would like the GNPS to provide for them. When last done, more information on gardening was the biggest request.

Communication: Betty will issue a press release listing the scheduled presentations. Bill will provide her a short synopsis of each.

GNPS Scholarship: Bill Norris stated there are several good candidates for scholarships. Keller will update the application and Bill will provide it to good candidates to submit to GNPS. This needs to happen quickly to make awards in time for the spring semester.

GNPS Scholarship: Elroy will form a subcommittee to run Plant Sale 2017. Ron, Elroy and Keller are the starting members.

2018 State NPS Meeting Gila Chapter: The 2018 State Meeting will be held in Silver City. In a discussion of dates, the last week of August appeared to be the best time to schedule. A decision was postponed until the January board meeting. The board discussed how many field trips, workshops, and presentations should be planned. It was expressed that field trips seem to be the most popular, but workshops are needed for the more elderly attendees. Presentations should have less scientific detail, to reduce drowsiness.

Gila NF Planning: A Forest Designations planning meeting was held Dec 14 and 15 in Silver City with various environmental groups attending. Jeff was the GNPS representative. The goal was to decide on proposals for wilderness and other special designations (including special botanical designation) for various inventoried areas in the Gila NF. No decision was made at the meeting. A followup meeting will be schedule in February to make the decision. Jeff will research rare species location records in the Herbarium to provide more input to the process. Bill will provide access to those records which have locked location information.

Next Board Meeting: Wed Jan 18th 3pm. Subsequent meetings will be the 3rd Wed of each month, at 2pm.

Meeting adjourned at 3:16 pm.

J. Boyd, sec