



Board Meeting Minutes Feb 15, 2017

The meeting was held at the Conference Room, #222, in Harlan Hall at WNMU.

Call to order at 2:04 pm.

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

Absent: Helen Shoup, Joan Limmer

The minutes from Jan 18th were approved as amended.

Treasurers Report: Approximate balances: Regular checking: \$3277.55; Garden acct: \$5863.81.

Web Site: Tim & Chloe Eaton submitted an estimate for rebuilding the GNPS web site on their server. The total yearly cost for hosting, SSL certificate, and Domaine name will be \$110-115. The total hours development work is 16 hrs (= \$960). The estimate was accepted by the board, the uncertainty being when the project could be started and completed. The web site needs to be stable by March for the plant sale. Ron indicated that the automatic renewal of the annual fees from Fatcow hosting is due April 30 (about \$150). Ron will inform Bill Norris of the date of that renewal, so Bill can discuss the timeframe requirements with the Eatons.

Youth Education: Ron reported that he has been having trouble meeting with Trish to discuss her classes for 2017. The board agreed to offer a contract with Trish that is unchanged from last year.

Membership: Current membership total for GNPS is about 150.

Bulletins, Email Communication: Elroy will try to find a backup to Helen especially for sending email communications. And he will find someone to do the physical mailings of the newsletter (there are ~17 of them).

Adult Education: Kristy Dunn declined to conduct a class on plant propagation, claiming she does not have sufficient expertise.

Book Sales: Ron reported recent sales of about \$100. A number of books need to be taken off the book sale list on the web site.

Silva Creek Garden: A spring cleanup work day was done on Feb 10th, 15 people volunteered. An additional cleanup work day will be scheduled in the near future. Elroy asked the board if the fence should be painted, and the vote was to not paint. He will ask Betsy for her input before the final decision. The Garden Advisory committee will

soon meet to select the plants to be obtained from this year's plant sale. Elroy has spoken with John Little, finding he has a greenhouse and is willing to use it to start plants for GNPS. George Farmer has some small Pinyon Pine seedlings he is willing to give to GNPS for sale at the plant sale, proceeds going to GNPS. Elroy plans to offer the plants for sale on plant pick-up day and if any are left, on Earth Day. Rick Johnson volunteered the use of his full size pickup truck to haul gravel.

GNPS Scholarship: None of Bill Norris' candidates for the scholarship submitted an application. The board decided to open the process again, with a new deadline of March 3rd. The award(s) would be presented at the April meeting.

Riparian Brochure: Jeff reported that color drawings of plants are not available, but black and white ones are. Gene Jercinovic is making the plant drawings from Ivey's book available for use. He can send digital images if we send him a list. Pam will talk to Denise Freidrich to find where WILL has had their brochures printed (lower cost option than Hecklers).

Monarch Butterfly Workshop: The board agreed to send the membership an announcement regarding the Monarch Butterfly Workshop scheduled for March 17 in Albuquerque.

Forest Planning: Jeff has completed gathering the locations of specimen available at the WNUM Herbarium. Bill Norris will obtain the locations of specimen that are at the UNM and NMSU Herbariums. The goal is to submit the location data (limited to section #'s) to the GilaNF by mid-March.

Give Grandly: Betty Spence volunteered to be the GNPS representative at Give Grandly. Jeff will be her backup. GNPS will be on the PR/Marketing Committee. The next meeting is Feb 23rd.

GNPS Plant Sale: The plant sale will be held at the Market Café community room. Keller is expecting the list of plants from Mountain States within 2 weeks. The plant sale web page needs to be up as soon as possible after the plant list is available. It can be closed down on April 1st. The Tour of the Gila bike race will be in Tyrone the day of the plant pickup, so no conflicts are expected.

Plant Sale Advertising: Betty will inquire on Silver City Daily Press ads. Flyers will be printed and posted downtown. She will check with Charmaine of the COOP to see if they will include the plant sale event on any email communication they have with their members. She will also look into the cost of announcements on KURU. Betty will run any advertising decisions by the board prior to committing. Donna Stevens has offered GNPS to discuss the plant sale on the 'Earth Matters' show on KURU. Elroy said he would do the interview, and Keller said he would help Elroy.

Grant Application Process: A lengthy discussion unfolded on the GNPS grant application process. Currently, applications are accepted twice a year. Too often, requests come in just before they are needed, after a due date. Sometimes, grants are not requested for events that GNPS would like to participate in (per Pam and Ron, the Wild and Scenic Film Festival is an example). The thought was to change the twice a year schedule to 9 times a year (prior to a board meeting so the grant can be discussed and voted on). Bill will write up a new protocol and submit it for discussion at the next board meeting.

GNPS Membership List: The board re-iterated that the GNPS membership list is not to be shared with any other organization, non-profit or private. Also, no advertisements for private companies or organizations will be accepted in our bulletin, email communications, or at meetings.

Next Board Meeting: Wed March 8th, 2pm.

Meeting adjourned at 3:32 pm.

J. Boyd, sec