



Board Meeting Minutes Mar 8, 2017

The meeting was held 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 Feb 15th were approved as amended.

Treasurers Report: Approximate balances: Regular checking: \$3170.55; Garden acct: \$5826.68

Web Site: Tim & Chloe Eaton will complete the redesign and migration of the GNPS web site after the Plant Sale is complete. Tim asked what email ids are linked to the current web site. Ron will list each id and their passwords and give them to the board at Friday's meeting, to determine what they are all used for.

Youth Education: Ron reported that he has had difficulty meeting with Trish but has indicated to her that the board was interested in a contract for 2017 like the one in 2016, but with the hope that she could include a class in Cliff, and would be paid for 2 classes for that.

Membership: No change in memberships.

Bulletins, Email Communication: Pam volunteered to back up Helen for sending notifications to the membership. She will need to learn how to use MailChimp from Helen.

Book Sales: Ron reported sales of about \$100 since the last board meeting. He plans to have books for sale at the Plant Sale and at Earth Day. More copies of Miller's landscaping book will need to be purchased in anticipation of these two events.

GNPS Brochures: There are very few of the old GNPS brochures left. And they need to be updated, at least since the membership dues have since changed. Elroy will try to find the master digital copy and change the brochure in time for Earth Day. If that is not possible, the State NPS brochure will be used.

Children's Activity Brochure: Elroy distributed copies of the brochure for 'final review'. The board suggested some corrections and improvements and approved getting 200 copies printed.

Garden Brochure: The garden brochure was approved with no further changes. Keller will find out the pricing schedule to determine the best number of copies to print and will report back to the board.

Silva Creek Garden: Elroy is scheduling a garden advisory board meeting next Wednesday to decide what plants need to be purchased from the plant sale.

GNPS Scholarship: Bill Norris indicated that at least one candidate will have an application submitted before the deadline. He indicated the student is very deserving and should be available for the presentation at the April meeting.

Outreach Coordinator Visit: Sara Digby will be visiting our chapter this Friday, March 10th, staying at Joan and Elroy's house at night. The board planned to have a dinner meeting with her on Friday, 6:30 at Little Toad Creek. Elroy will give her a garden tour on Friday evening or Saturday morning.

Give Grandly: Betty Spence has volunteered to co-chair the PR/Marketing committee at Give Grandly. Details are not available yet, but Betty will forward basic info to Helen so it can be included in the next newsletter (to be published by Mar 31). Freeport McMoRan and United Way jointly offered \$12,500 in matching funds for the GG Event. Matching requirements have not yet been developed however. The event is scheduled for May 6th, at the first Farmer's Market of the year.

GNPS Plant Sale: The plant sale is now on the GNPS web site, as of Sunday March 5th. Keller indicated that Trish wanted to offer customers to pick up their plants from her house before the official plant pickup. The board voted against that. Keller will make up signs for the plant sale. He has several sandwich boards he can bring to the sale. Betty printed a large number of announcements, which board members took to post on storefronts, especially Bill who said he can visit many stores on Bullard by the end of the week. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 9:00 to help set up. The sale is 9:30 – 1:00 on March 18. Elroy will request volunteers at the next general meeting, March 17th.

Plant Sale Advertising: Betty announced that the plant sale ad will be in this week's Independent and next week's Daily Press. Next week Elroy and Keller will discuss the plant sale on the 'Earth Matters' show on KURU. KURU will also run an ad in five spots between March 9th and March 17th.

Grant Application: The board voted to grant \$500 requested by UGWA for the Children's Water Festival, scheduled for September.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

J. Boyd, sec