

GNPS MEETING MINUTES (MAY 17 2017)

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I) Guest Presentation (and Follow-up) by Ms. Patrice Mutchnick

- Patrice Mutchnick gave a 15 minute presentation entitled “IPA’s (Important Plant Areas)
- Patrice has been collaborating with Jeff Boyd and the USFS to advise them on their ongoing Forest Management Plan
- USFS has filed a Notice of Intent
- GNPS has until June 12 to make comments which will give us standing
- NPSNM is the chief commenter on plants
- Last summer in July, we submitted a list of ~ 80 plant species as “at risk”
- This has now been winnowed down to ~ 27 plant species
- USFS is required to develop a plan for Species of Concern / Rare Plants
- Patrice has read all the comments Patrice has worked as a rare plant contractor for ~ 8 years, and while doing so has consulted with Russ Kleinman and Bob Sivinski
- Patrice asked that we support her initiative that the USFS be approached to support the above IPA initiative
- The GNPS Board unanimously agreed to this.
- Patrice agreed to give the Sept. 8 2017 GNPS program

II) V.P. Report (Bill)

- Bill has recruited Ms. Kristi Dunn to give the November program.
- Bill has asked Sara Fuentes Soriano to give a program as well

III) Treasurer’s Report (Pam)

- Pam reported that we have \$4,055.55 in the Regular Fund, and 4,476.91 in the Garden Fund.

IV) President’s Report

- Betty attended the Give Grandly meeting this morning
- Betty informed us that United Way should be transferring an amount via Direct Deposit soon.
- Betty agreed to remain as the GNPS Give Grandly representative

V) Membership Report (Joan)

- Joan reported that we have received notification of a few new members and a few drop-offs
- Joan informed us that we currently have 142 members

VI) Book Sales (Ron)

- Ron informed us that we have orders of 13 books representing @\$280 to Bosque del Apache
- Ron informed us that we have received another \$40 via sales independent of the Bosque

VII) Bulletin

- This should come out in June
- Helen Shoup needs information by mid-June
- Desired: more photos by Dennis

VIII) Botanical Garden (Elroy)

- Elroy informed us that a Work Day is scheduled at the garden between 8:00-9:00
- Scheduled work is bed cleanup and Siberian elm removal
- Elroy and Joan will be gone for a month, BUT, watering and mowing are covered during their absence

IX) Old Business

- STATE CONFERENCE
- Selected dates: Sept. 6-9 2018
- Themes: Plants, People, Culture of the Gila
- Planning needs to occur beginning September 2017

X) New Business

- Sarah Digby suggestions: seed balls, photo contest, internship proposal
- Sarah wishes our participation
- We may pursue the photo contest with altered guidelines (i.e., Elroy will recuse himself)

XI) Next Meeting

- Wednesday, Sept. 6 2:00 – 4:00 PM

XII) First meeting of fall (Sept. 8 2017): Patrice Mutchnick

XIII) Gila River Festival Grant Proposal request for \$500 was Approved