



Board Meeting Minutes April 9, 2018

The meeting was held at Harlan Hall, room 222.

Call to order at 3:35 pm.

Present: Elroy Limmer, Joan Limmer, Jeff Boyd, Pam Bryant, Ron Groves, Bill Norris, Jane Kruse

Absent: Helen Shoup, Betty Spence, Keller Suberkropp

The minutes from Feb 21st Board Meeting were approved.

Treasurers Report: Approximate balances: Regular checking: \$4033.75; Garden acct: \$2007.25.

Presidents Report: The state NPS would like to add a line to the registration form, to indicate a donation to the scholarship fund for student travel to the Convention. The board approved that change.

The state NPS needs the id for the GNPS Paypal account in order to link the registration form to Paypal. Pam will communicate that info.

Quilt Raffle: The quilt will remain at the Seedboat Gallery when not temporarily displayed at the general meetings, etc. They will continue to sell raffle tickets. Pam decided to continue accepting payment for tickets via checks and cash, not Paypal. Jeff will add info on the quilt to the web site, with instructions to send a check to the GNPS PO box.

Presentations: Bill has two presentations lined up for early 2019: Trish Hurley on plant propagation and George Farmer on seeds.

Membership: Stands at 144.

Field Trips: The first field trip is this Sunday April 15th, led by Hanna Blood. Ron will put the trip on the event calendar.

Book Sales: There have been \$155.11 in book sales, and \$127 in books ordered by the Gila Cliff Dwellings N.M. Ron will be purchasing two book titles for the GNPS bookstore.

Plant Sale: The board discussed what to do about two problems encountered in this plant sale. Mtn States has had several plants that are not available in the size ordered by customers. The board decided to order the larger size from Mtn States, and offer that to the customer at an increased cost, else offer a refund. Will need more cashiers this time due to the complexity of transactions.

A number of ordered plants will not be available from Lone Mountain until mid-May-ish. The board decided to have a table at the Farmers Market on the weekend that the plants become available, to provide the table as a pick-up point for those plants. Due to the large number of plants being given away by Audubon at Earth Day this year, GNPS will not order additional plants for sale at Earth Day or pick-up day. After the summer, the board will need to decide what to do with the plant sale in 2019, considering all the problems encountered this year.

Web Site: The board decided that the top left picture on the main web page should link to an events page that highlights the coming events. The plant pick-up, the quilt raffle, and the State Convention are some of those events to be shown. Calendar – Ron will update the calendar thru June, adding all field trips and programs, the picnic, and will also add the State Convention.

Bulletin: With Helen missing, the board discussed the problem she is having with re-activating members that have been inactivated. Mail Chimp seems incapable of restoring these members. These members do not get their bulletins. Joan will talk to Deb Farson on possible solutions. Jane will talk to Betsy, who did bulletins before Helen.

Silva Creek Garden: Lots happening at the garden:

- Angela is researching plant materials (such as manzanita from a California source)
- She has purchased lots of seeds, some of which require processing prior to planting
- Elroy has ordered another culvert, for a planter. A 4th culvert is awaiting a plant
- Manzanita has been planted
- The 'Tree of Life' dedication has been moved to July-Aug timeframe
- Elroy is working on finishing the Kiosk. Eric Ockerhausen may end up doing the work.
- Need to build a bench
- Need to build a raised planter with blocks
- There has been a lot of deer damage, need to build a deer fence before next year
- A work day will be scheduled soon after Earth Day
- Elroy met with Patricia about improving maintenance of the butterfly garden
- Elroy will meet with Jeff to use his trailer for transporting garden materials.

State Conference 2018: Jane distributed a to-do list for her and Betty to follow-up with presenters, workshop leaders and field trip leaders. The board discussed the memo that will be sent to all presenters and leaders – with a decision to have questions routed to Bill and cc'd to Jeff. A reminder email should be sent to them in August to 'touch base'.

Bill suggested an idea for an article in Desert Exposure promoting the State Convention. The board decided that partial registration should cost \$25 for ½ day.

Gila River Festival: The board accepted the request for a donation to support the festival, approving \$500.

Sara Digby: The board discussed how to have Sara help our chapter. General agreement on having her modify her high school education program for elementary and middle school children. Then training a few local teachers on the program. Jane and Bill will find names of willing local teachers to participate.

Meeting adjourned at 5:16 pm.

J. Boyd, sec