



Board Meeting Minutes Dec 5, 2018

The meeting was held at Harlan Hall, room 222.

Call to order at 3:05 pm.

Present: Elroy Limmer, Jeff Boyd, Pam Bryant, Ron Groves, Jane Kruse, Bill Norris, Jane Spinti, Don Graves, Wendy Graves, Betty Spence

Absent: Helen Shoup, Keller Suberkropp, Joan Limmer

Minutes from the Oct 17 board meeting were approved.

New Board Members: The new officers were welcomed to the board. Effective January 1, 2019, Donald E. Graves will replace Elroy Limmer as President; Wendy Graves will replace Pamela Bryant as Treasurer; and Jane Spinti will replace Jeff Boyd as Secretary. William Norris will remain as Vice-President. The new board members were elected by the GNPS membership in the Nov 16th General Meeting.

Outgoing Board: Elroy thanked the outgoing board for its contributions in the past two years, especially for organizing the highly successful state convention in 2018.

Treasurers Report: The regular account balance is \$8132.86 and the garden account stands at \$648.97. Pam indicated that a meeting at the bank with the new Treasurer and President is needed to change the signers on the GNPS accounts.

Programs: Bill indicated that monthly programs thru April 2019 were set.

GNPS Membership: There are 141 members in the GNPS. Dale Zimmerman will continue to have his GNPS dues paid by GNPS.

Book Sales: Recent book sales have been slow, other than supplying Apache del Bosque and the Gila Cliff Dwellings with books. Ron will continue as book sales manager.

Grant Request: The board discussed the grant request by Carol Brady for \$475 to construct a walkway with plantings and swale on city property in front of her house. She attended the meeting briefly to describe the project. The board decided that the project needed to be designed before acting on the request. Elroy will speak to Hanna Blood to see if she would be able and interested in creating a design.

Garden: Some of the smaller trees have been covered to protect them from the wildlife. A work day is planned before the end of the year, probably Dec 14th. Denise is working on 1 or 2 more fence panels that will help reduce cut-thru traffic. Elroy plans on getting some landscape blocks to install in the main path to keep foot traffic out of the beds.

Children's Education: Ron will speak with Trish Hurley to follow up and confirm that she had finally fulfilled her obligation from the outstanding MOU from 2017.

Plant Sale 2019: It was decided to continue to schedule the annual plant sale for the Spring. Don has contacted Robledo Vista Nursery in Las Cruces getting positive feedback on plant availability in the Spring. Some format of a plant sale will be investigated for the Fall of 2019.

Snacks at GNPS Meetings: Mary-Terese proposed that she supply the treats for future meetings with supplies from Costco. The board approved her getting reimbursed by GNPS.

GNPS Web Site: Jeff will continue to maintain the web site in 2019.

Outreach: Don discussed possible involvement with the Nuestro Gila group, a outdoor group made up of Hispanic and Anglo folks of a range of ages. Cindy Provencio is a contact for this group.

Holiday Party: The party is scheduled for Dec 16th, noon – 3pm at the Commons. Betty will contact Helen about sending a notice to membership asap. The party will be referred to as the 'Holiday' party, not the 'Christmas' party. Setup will start at 11am. Pam and Ron will contact the Commons to find out what the setup will entail, and if the tables and chairs will already be in place, the setup time could be moved to 11:30am.

Email Notices: A backup to Helen needs to be selected for sending notices on Mail Chimp.

Give Grandly: Betty will be the GNPS representative for Give Grandly. She has already attended an initial meeting. A breakfast meeting is scheduled for Jan 9th at Bear Mtn Lodge, which she will attend. She plans to volunteer for the Publicity committee, but not the chair of the committee. Payment of about \$75 is required to participate in Give Grandly. The event is tentatively scheduled for May 4th.

Email Forwarding: Ron indicated that he has GNPS emails forwarded to his personal email account to be aware of notices and requests coming for 'outside' the organization. A new board member will need to set up such a forwarding.

Next Board Meeting: Not specified.

Meeting adjourned at 5:09 pm.

J. Boyd, sec