

Board Meeting Minutes, May 2, 2019

The meeting was held in Harlan Hall, Room 222

Call to order 5:06 pm

Present: Don Graves, Wendy Graves, Bill Norris, Elroy Limmer, Joan Limmer, Betty Spence, Jane Spinti

Absent: Helen Shoup, Hanna Blood, Ron Groves

Minutes from February 7, 2019 were approved.

Board Reports

Treasurer's Report: Wendy reported GNPS account has a total of \$10,281.76. Silva Creek account has a total of \$14,369.23

President's Report: Don reported on formation of an Education Committee and their activities. See Education Report.

Vice President's Report: No Report.

NPS State Chapter Representative's Report: Keller reported that NPSNM member Rachel Jenkowitz has written a letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to object to the EPA revision of "Waters of the U.S." to exclude intermittent or ephemeral waterways. Keller also reported the new newsletter editor for the State is Margaret Menache. Margaret can be reached at npsnmnewsletter@gmail.com

Newsletter/Bulletin Report: No report

Membership Report: Joan Limmer reported GNPS has 142 members. Membership includes both local and out-of-state members. Don writes a welcome to new members. They also receive a welcome letter from the State.

Education Report: Don reported an Education Committee has been formed. Members are Don Graves, Mary Ann Kressig, Jeff Boyd, and Bill Norris. Projects include: 1. A brochure on perennial herbaceous plants 2. Plans to work with grade school teachers to have students create plant artwork which could be made into greeting cards. 3. Donations of plants and help with planning school gardens. 4. Possible grant money to teachers for native plant related education. 5. Continuation of Special Courses for GNPS members. Past courses have included, grasses, ferns, woody plants and landscaping. 6. Activities for Children at Earth Day at the GNPS booth.

GNPS Website: No report.

Book Sales: No Report.

Silva Creek Botanical Garden Report: Elroy reports workdays at the garden have accomplished getting the perimeter fence painted, new plants have been added to the beds, and a low block wall has been added along the entry pathway to keep visitors on the pathway. Elroy met with Patrice Mutchnick about changes to the butterfly garden bed. The owner of Bear Creek Herbs is working with Elroy to develop a plan for an herbal bed at the garden.

Field Trips: Hanna Blood led a well attended field trip to Little Cherry Creek. Attendees self-selected into groups of beginner or more experienced. Hanna and Richard Felger led the experienced group. Don Graves and Russ Kleinman led the beginner group.

Public Relations: Betty Spence has submitted press releases for the May 11, 2019 Give Grandly! Event. The Give Grandly! website is up and active for online donations. There has been advertising in the "Silver City Daily Press", "Desert Exposure" and the "Independent" newspapers. GNPS is one of 54 nonprofits participating in the event. Betty and other GNPS members will man the GNPS table at the Give Grandly! booth on May 11.

Old Business:

Brochure Grant Update: Brochure is in progress. A plant list of 26 herbaceous perennials has been created. Brochure will include benefits to wildlife, traditional uses, bloom time, when to plant, sketches of each plant, etc.

Carol Brady Grant Request: Carol received grant monies for planning a native garden and additional monies for materials. The garden area has been bermed, mulched and planted. Carol sent the GNPS a thank you note in appreciation of the grant award.

GNPS Native Plant Sale 2019: Keller reports plant sale orders totaled \$5682.50. Expenses totaled \$5057.07, for a profit of \$625.43.

Hand Lenses for Field Trips: 10 new hand lenses were purchased. Hand lenses were used by the beginner group on the first field trip of the season to Little Cherry Creek.

New Business:

Compensation for Field Trip Coordinator: Motion was passed to compensate the GNPS field trip coordinator \$100.00 for each of the field trips during the 2019 season. To be paid for each trip for which reconnaissance and planning is done, even if trip needs to be cancelled.

New GNPS Plant Sale Committee: Keller is retiring as Plant Sale Coordinator. Don reports a new Plant Sale Committee has been formed. New committee members are Wendy Graves, Mary Ann Kressig, Ed Leuck, Peter Gorman and Betsy Kaido.

GNPS/Audubon Joint Picnic: Picnic is planned for May 12th. Elroy is the picnic coordinator and cook. Audubon will provide hotdogs, brats and condiments. GNPS will provide water, tea and lemonade. Event is pot luck. Get together starts at 11 am, and eating begins at noon.

Donation to Friends of City of Rocks: GNPS has an electric cement mixer in the Silva Creek Garden shed that will be donated to the Friends of City of Rocks. Cement mixer is new but has never been used as Silva Creek has no access to electricity.

Next Meeting: To be announced

Motion to Adjourn at 6:04 PM.

Jane Spinti, Secretary