



Board Meeting Minutes, August 28, 2019

The meeting was held in Harlan Hall, Room 222

Call to order 5:02 pm

Present: Don Graves, Wendy Graves, Bill Norris, Elroy Limmer, Joan Limmer, Betty Spence, Keller Suberkropp, Betsy Kaido, Jane Kruse, Mary Ann Kressig, Naava Koenigsburg, Jane Spinti

Absent: Helen Shoup, Hanna Blood, Ron Groves

Minutes from July 9, 2019 were approved.

Board Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Wendy reported GNPS account has a total of \$9,104.21. Silva Creek account has a total of \$14,260.12. There have been some discrepancies in both accounts over the years. Wendy will work with past Treasurer, Lynn Daugherty, to correct amounts in both accounts and bring them up to date.

President's Report: Don reported on Education Committee and their activities. See Education Report under "Old Business"

Vice President's Report: No report.

NPS State Chapter Representative's Report: No report.

Newsletter/Bulletin Report: No report.

Membership Report: No report.

Education Report: See report of the Education Committee activities under "Old Business"

GNPS Website: No report.

Book Sales: No Report.

Silva Creek Botanical Garden: See report under "Old Business"

Field Trips: Field trips continue through September.

Public Relations: No report.

Old Business:

Herbal Garden at Silva Creek:

Naava Koenigsburg from Bear Creek Herbs presented plans for a new bed consisting of medicinal plants to be created at the Silva Creek Botanical Garden. New plant bed will have signage to identify plants and their ethnobotanical uses. Plans are in progress to create a landscape plan for the bed. Next steps include weed eradication, soil to create raised beds, creation of pathways, and creation of a plant list. Plans to reach out to Native American and Spanish communities for input into traditional and medicinal uses of plants. Also reach out to Aldo Leopold students to create an internship for students interested in participation in the project.

A motion was made that the Medicinal Plant Bed will be a project of the Gila Native Plant Society. Motion passed.

Plant Sale Committee Report: Betsy Kaido reported on the second meeting of the Plant Sale Committee. Peter Gorman, Wendy Graves, Mary Ann Kressig, Ed Leuck and Betsy Kaido met on August 9th to look into the feasibility of running next years plant sale like a one-day farmer's market. Date would probably be in August. Possibly in conjunction with "Native Plant Day" which occurs on the third Saturday in August. Venue would probably be Gough Park. Local vendors who grow and sell plants native to our area would be invited to participate in the one day sale.

Education Initiatives and Fall Plant Course Report:

Don reported on initiatives from the Education Committee Meeting of July 11, 2019. Members present at July 11, meeting were: Don Graves, Mary Ann Kressig and Bill Norris. Projects discussed were:

1. Hanna Blood has agreed to write the text for the Brochure on 25 perennial herbaceous plants. The Brochure also needs an artistic rendering of each plant. A motion to offer \$500.00 to artist Jackie Blurton to make sketches of each of the 25 plants passed.
2. Art in the Classroom Project. Motion to proceed with Art in the Classroom project passed. Don agreed to contact Lee Ann Cook, art teacher at Stout Elementary School. Plan is to work with grade school students to create plant artwork which could be made into greeting cards. GNPS will pay for printing 100 note card sets (8 cards per set) at \$4.50 each. Plan is to give 50 sets of cards to students at Stout Grade School as a fundraiser. GNPS would retain the remaining 50 sets to sell in order to recoup the cost of printing the card sets.
3. A fall workshop on Aster Identification is planned. Plan is to have course taught by Bill Norris with the help of Russ Kleinman, and Richard Felger. Course fee \$20.00 with proceeds going to Silva Creek Botanical Garden. 4-5 week course would be offered sometime in mid-September through early October in the early evening.

New Business:

Summer/Fall GNPS Gathering: To be discussed at the next Board meeting.

Next Meeting: To be announced

Motion to Adjourn at 6:15 PM.

Jane Spinti, Secretary