

**Arboretum Associates board meeting**  
**28 March 2016, at 5:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Paul Warnick, Bill Bowler, Kris Roby, Ron Mahoney, Jan Leander, Maureen Taylor Regan, Amy Ross-Davis, Sally Greene, Joy Fisher, and Dave Tank

**Absent:** Dan Johnson

**Approval of the minutes** – Minutes of the 2/8/16 meeting approved. Sally Greene moved to approve; David Tank seconded.

**Arboretum Strengthening Connections** – Ron commented the phrase “clear the way” should be avoided. Maureen asked for volunteers to participate in the April 4 and 5 meetings (taking comments; encouraging folks to complete the survey). She will circulate the volunteer schedule among the board.

**Gazebo** – There have been no new developments.

**2016 Annual Meeting** – Postcards have been mailed. Paul will also send out an email and put the announcement on the website. We will ask Terry to announce the meeting on the Facebook page. Maureen will advertise on the Register and Amy will contact the Daily News. Bill will take care of the drinks and Amy the appetizers. Joy will bring money for change. Dick Leander and Sally Greene will serve wine. Projection equipment is ready. Amy will send Joy the minutes from last year’s meeting to include in the packets; otherwise she has everything ready. Dave and Kris will hand out raffle tickets and Paul will bring door prizes. This year’s sign-in sheet will include an option for members to indicate if they are willing to volunteer with various activities (e.g., Science Saturdays, the concert, contributing articles to ArborNotes). Maureen will give a brief introduction, Amy will speak about Science Saturdays, Jan about the plant sale, Joy the treasurer’s report, and then Paul will give his presentation. We’ll then move right into the Arboretum Strengthening Connections presentation.

**Officer and Board Member Vacancies** – Kris Roby has agreed to serve as President for a 2-year term. Bill Bowler has agreed to serve as Vice President for a 2-year term. Jan will continue to serve as Past President. Ron Mahoney will leave the board and we will ask Kayla Casey to serve as a director. We also plan to introduce Terry Gray as the Social Media Committee Chair and Will Boyd as the Education and Outreach Committee Chair.

**Science Saturdays** – Will Boyd has agreed to chair a standing committee to run Science Saturdays. Paul distributed the RFP in February and a reminder went out last week. We have received two proposals; proposals are due Thursday. We (Will, Amy, Ron, Dan, Dave, and Paul) plan to have completed the selection process by April 8 so the program can be announced at the annual meeting.

**2016 Plant Sale** – Dahlias will be the showcase this year and everything is coming along nicely.

**Old Business: Scavenger Hunt** – Amy is waiting to hear from Dave and Dan on the content; finalized content will be sent to Bill for work up. Bill has a revised map and will include details on how users can submit pictures to the Facebook page. **Arboretum Art Show** – Maureen announced there is interest in an art show, and suggested the 1912 Center as a venue. Pieces can be displayed for 2 months following an opening. This could either be part of our 2017 Annual Meeting or held as an autumn event (perhaps even this year, if artists feel this is enough time to prepare).

**Next meeting** – April 13 (annual meeting).

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.

*Submitted by Amy Ross-Davis*