

Arboretum Associates Board Meeting  
Monday, February 13, 2017 5:00 p.m.  
Jack's Creek Conf. Room, Facilities Building

Present: Kris Roby; Sally Greene; Terry Gray; Kayla Casey; Paul Warnick; Nancy Sprague, Jan Leander; Cort Northrup; Paul Anders;

Absent: Joy Fisher; Dave Tank; Bill Bowler

Nancy moved to approve the minutes from 1/17 meeting and Kayla seconded.  
Motion passed.

**Update on Annual Meeting / Arboretum Art Show/ Positions up for election**

Kris volunteered to run again for President; Sally for Secretary and Kris will check with Bill if he is interested in being VP again. All of the officers are two year terms. Terry and Paul both agreed to run for another three-year term.

The annual meeting is Wednesday, April 12. Kris suggested doing a postcard again to promote the event. Kris will contact Aaron Johnson and see if he would be interested in doing the artwork for the postcard.

Jan reported that every year we have a lot of food left over so we should probably order the same amount as last year. Kris suggested possibly having a banner for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Kris also suggested taking a few previous articles on the history of the arboretum from ArborNotes, enlarging them, and displaying them at the meeting. Jan will take care of table decorations and some plants for drawings.

**Science Saturdays**

Dates are set – June 17, July 15, and August 12. Assuming that the Board approves funding, the information will go out tomorrow.

**Plant Sale Update (May 20)** – Jan confirmed that we have the ice rink reserved. The first plants will arrive the last week in February so the first planting party will be around March 4 or 5. More perennials will arrive the week of March 20<sup>th</sup> so March 25 or 26 would be the next estimated planting date which would be a good time to start the baskets as well.

**Arboreta update/ Budget**

Paul reported that the webpage is currently being updated by Tim but it is still in the draft stage. The target date is to have the draft ready for our March meeting so we can review it in time for it to be up and running by the annual meeting.

The engineering student project is still in progress and the cost is significantly less than anticipated. Before the annual meeting we need to have an approved budget for next year. We have been accumulating money for years so have a substantial amount to designate for a specific project. Restoration of the barn and a structure for the north entrance were mentioned as possibilities. Paul will check into the potential costs. Every year we have discussed doing a brochure but have never done one. Paul showed a few sample drafts and will check into the cost of getting it done on glossy paper. As far as equipment is concerned, a stump grinder would be useful.

### **Updates from Brian Johnson Re: Sweat Lodge**

The Native community is interested in pursuing further talks regarding building a Sweat Lodge in the Arboretum. Kris will contact them to let them know that we would like to see a response from them to our concerns before we meet again.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30.

**Next meeting moved to Monday March 20 at 5:00**