

Arboretum Associates Board Meeting
Monday, November 11, 2019
Jack's Creek Conference Room, Facilities Building

Present: Kris Roby, Paul Warnick, Kat Clancy, Kayla Casey, Julie Miller, Paul Anders, Nancy Sprague

Guest: Roger Rowley

Absent: Bill Bowler, Cort Northrup, Jan Leander, Joy Fisher, Terry Gray

Approval of Minutes

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2019 meeting. Motion passed.

Joint Exhibit with Prichard Gallery – Roger Rowley

Roger reported that preliminary notification of the receipt of a \$30,000 grant had been received. There's still some paperwork to submit by the deadline, but final grant approval looks promising. Roger and Paul talked with Meg Webster recently and discussed when would be the best time for her site visit. Early May was suggested. The grant funding would begin in January 2020 and expire December 31, 2021. Roger did not receive the \$10,000 grant he'd applied for, but he may consider re-submitting it this year. He discussed the option of having a Meg Webster exhibit at the Prichard Gallery in mid or late September.

Science Saturdays 2020

Kat met recently with Frankie Curet, who had been recommended by Katie Petersen for the Science Saturday Coordinator position. Frankie is a horticultural graduate from the UI who is currently working at PCEI with AmeriCorps. She will join the PCEI staff in March and has experience working on environmental programs for children. Kat will invite her to our December meeting. The pay for the Science Saturday Coordinator is \$500.

Arbor Notes

Kat, Paul, and Kris have submitted or are working on articles for the next issue.

Web Page

Kat requested that the following correction be made on the Arboretum Associates web page: change "Julie Monroe" to "Julie Miller".

Arboreta Updates – Paul

Paul met with a contractor who may be willing to do the barn siding (Quality Contractors, Brush Creek). His estimate was \$20,000-\$30,000 for one side or less than three times that for the whole barn. Paul is working with Charles and Ray Pankopf on putting the project out to bid.

Paul expressed concerns regarding the potential privatization of positions in facilities, particularly grounds crew and custodial crew. More than one company has been contacted and asked for RFPs. A worst-case scenario would be that Paul's job may be included. Another option Paul is concerned about is that they might turn the grounds crew over to a contractor and remove Paul's budget. Nothing has been announced or decided yet, but the potential changes could be in place by July for the next fiscal year. David Gutierrez has accepted a position at WSU and Paul is unsure at this point about filling his position.

Old Business

Plant sale location: There's no news yet regarding the Ice Rink's potential construction project, so the plant sale location is still undecided.

New Business

Kris suggested we start thinking about ideas for a guest speaker for the next annual meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:57pm. Next board meeting will be **Monday, December 9.**