

Arboretum Associates Board Meeting
Monday, December 9, 2019
Jack's Creek Conference Room, Facilities Building

Present: Kris Roby, Paul Warnick, Kat Clancy, Joy Fisher, Terry Gray, Julie Miller, Nancy Sprague

Absent: Bill Bowler, Cort Northrup, Jan Leander, Paul Anders, Kayla Casey

Approval of Minutes

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2019 meeting. Motion passed.

Science Saturdays for 2020

The primary candidate for the Science Saturdays Coordinator position has withdrawn. After discussing the original role of Science Saturdays and options for partnering with the College of Science or CALS, there was a motion to table any decision about continuing Science Saturdays for a year. No Science Saturday programs will be offered this summer.

Arbor Notes

Joy reported that the next issue of *Arbor Notes* is coming along. One more scientific article will be submitted by Kayla's husband. There will be a photo essay about Science Saturday. The next issue won't be ready in December, but should be out fairly soon.

Plant Sale

Plants have been ordered. No updates yet on the Ice Rink's potential construction project. It would be helpful to confirm with the Ice Rink that our usual location will be available in May.

Arboreta Updates – Paul

Paul commented that budget issues have become clearer now that the early retirement program has been announced. Paul is considering applying for early retirement. If he's approved and decides to retire he could be leaving by the end of April. Paul discussed the privatization RFP. An RFP tour is scheduled for December 12 and proposals are due January 7. Paul and Roger Rowley submitted the grant approval form to NEA for the Meg Webster project. Roger and Paul did a tour to identify potential sites in the Arboretum. The new buffer area around the College of Ag's plots is one option with good contours, but no irrigation.

Old Business

Potential speaker options for the annual meeting on April 23 include: Paul discussing his trip to Chile or Meg Webster.

New Business

Paul currently has only two people working for him and could soon be down to one. He asked us to consider if the Arboretum Associates would be willing to assist with providing funding for maintenance, if the budget cuts continue. In the past the policy of the Arboretum Associates was not to fund maintenance labor, but Paul asked us to discuss this and consider voting on this at the January meeting. Paul estimated that the cost would be \$7000-10,000 per person.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40pm. Next board meeting will be **Monday, January 13, 2020.**