

**Arboretum Associates Board Meeting**  
Monday, January 13, 2020  
Jack's Creek Conference Room, Facilities Building

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

Absent: Bill Bowler, Cort Northrup, Jan Leander, Paul Anders, Terry Gray

**Approval of Minutes**

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2019 meeting. Motion passed.

**Arbor Notes**

Joy reported that the next issue of *Arbor Notes* is progressing.

**Plant Sale**

No updates yet on the Ice Rink's potential construction project. Paul is fairly confident that we'll be able to hold the plant sale in the usual place.

**National Endowment for the Arts Press Release**

Kat recommended holding off on sending out the NEA press release until we have more information from Roger Rowley and Meg Webster, and board members agreed. Kat will notify Roger about this.

**2020 Annual Meeting**

We plan to use the Moscow Food Co-op for food and Vin for drinks. The speaker may be Paul discussing his trip to Chile.

**Arboreta Updates – Paul**

Paul's appeal to HR was approved, so he has the option to take early retirement this year, if he chooses. His decision may depend in part on sustained funding for his staff. He asked the Board to consider being willing to fund maintenance staff, if needed. Joy commented that the first course of action should be to discuss the funding issue with Administration, and the Board would never leave Paul without help. The deadline for privatization RFP submissions was extended to January 21. There are 6 proposals, including one from Sodexo. The UI President's desire is that all current UI employees remain UI employees. Paul was asked about options for using volunteer help in the Arboretum. A primary concern is the time needed to organize volunteer activities. Joy suggested that the Arboretum Associates may be able to help support funding for a volunteer coordinator. Other suggestions included having sign-ups for volunteers at the Annual Meeting or plant sale set-up. Volunteers could potentially be assigned to help weed a particular section of the Arboretum.

## **Other**

Kat commented that she may need to be out of town for an extended period to help a family member, so there's a possibility she may need to step down from her role as President of Arboretum Associates in the next few months.

Kat raised a question from a dog owner about allowing dogs in the Arboretum one day a week. No changes will be made to the Arboretum's policy of no pets allowed at any time.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40pm. Next board meeting will be **Monday, February 10, 2020.**