

Arboretum Associates Board Meeting

Monday, May 1, 2023

UI Facilities Large Conference Room

Present: Kat Clancy, Paul Warnick, Erik Anderson, Yvonne Barkley, Nancy Sprague, Julie Miller, Lucy Falcy, Kris Roby, Harriet Hughes, Nancy Zabriskie

Absent: Deb Bell

Guests: Frank Clarke, Zach Green

Approval of Minutes

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2023 meeting. Motion passed.

Introductions

Frank Clarke, one of the cashiers for the 2023 plant sale, was introduced. Zach Green, a student employee at the Arboretum, was also introduced.

Paul, Lucy, and Zach's Trip

Over the UI spring break, Paul, Lucy, and Zach visited 14 arboreta and nurseries in Washington, Oregon, and British Columbia. They presented a wonderful slide show with highlights of what they observed and learned at each site. Lucy compiled a detailed spreadsheet with data on the number of staff, acres, volunteers, funding sources and other helpful information for the major botanical gardens they visited.

Annual Meeting Review

Erik suggested we brainstorm ideas for next year's annual meeting. These included: checking the UI calendar for other events before scheduling; investigating horticultural rock stars to invite as speakers; providing wine and hors d'oeuvres to increase attendance; and considering ways to attract more students. Lucy asked what the purpose of the annual meeting is and we discussed the value of community building, providing an opportunity for recognition, and ways to increase membership.

Plant Sale

Posters are available for distribution at the front desk of Facilities. Kat circulated a sign-up sheet with locations for posters. Jan sent out an email with volunteer information and will check out the new location this week. Paul encouraged volunteers to park across the street on the day of the sale. A signboard will be needed in front of the new ice rink and a small sign will be posted at the old ice rink. Julie volunteered to help at the greenhouse on Saturday at 9am.

A pricing party will be held Wednesday, May 10, at 3pm at the Greenhouse, to place colored tags in pots. Handwritten labels will be made by Kat, Julie, Harriet, Yvonne, Kris, and Nancy,

and returned by the day of the pricing party, if possible. Kat will bring membership forms and Arbor Notes to the plant sale.

Summer Concert

Lucy volunteered to design the concert poster. An email will be sent later regarding how the posters will be distributed.

Arbor Notes

Yvonne reported that the new issue is at the printer. The names of board members were updated. 750 copies will be printed and should be ready to be mailed soon. The production schedule is already planned for the next issue in early December. Content will be due by October 13. Potential content includes articles about the papermaking classes, concert, plant sale, annual meeting, and Naskali archival color photos.

Arboreta Updates

The golden chain trees are not faring well, unfortunately. Tomorrow the engraver will be working on recognition plaques for Marlene and for the Price's Green area. Paul has hired two new horticultural students for the summer, along with returning student, Zach Green. The new trees were planted above the new rock wall near the barn and the Palouse Prairie plants in that area are coming up.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

Next meeting: September 11, 2023