

Arboretum Associates Board Meeting

Monday, March 11, 2024

UI Facilities Large Conference Room

Present: Paul Warnick, Harriet Hughes, Nancy Sprague, Kris Roby, Julie Miller, Yvonne Barkley, Kat Clancy

Absent: Erik Anderson, Frank Clarke, Lucy Falcy, Nancy Zabriskie

Guest: Ken McCurry

Vice President Julie Miller called the meeting to order at 5:04pm.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2024 meeting. Motion passed.

Proposed Revisions to the Arboretum Associates Constitution and Bylaws

Julie reported that she had met recently with Yvonne, Kris, and Kat to review the Constitution and Bylaws which had not been updated for many years. The revisions they proposed were discussed and approved. Kat moved that the proposed changes and the rationales for the revisions be mailed out to the membership for a vote at the Annual Meeting on April 16. Kris seconded the motion and all approved. Julie will send out a copy of the final revisions to all Board members for a final review before the mailing.

Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 6:30pm at the 1912 Center

Kat will be out of town until April 6, but volunteered to order cookies for the meeting before she leaves. Kris volunteered to meet with Jenny Kostroff at the 1912 Center to select the tablecloth colors and room set up for approximately 50 people. Kris will notify Paul of the number of tables. Yvonne volunteered to bring packets of Calendula seeds to give out. The meeting will start at 7pm so Board members should arrive by 6:30pm. Julie will remind Frank to bring the box and tickets for door prizes. Kat recommended a speaker on bees and pollinators. She will check to see if he might be available to speak at this year's annual meeting.

Plant Sale

The potting party will be on **Sunday, March 24**, at 1:30pm. Paul reported that the plants should be arriving soon.

Arboreta Updates

Paul reported that the recirculating pump in the pond is no longer functioning. He is hoping to get help to pull the pump next week to test it and see if they can unclog it. The pump cost \$1200 and is only about two years old. Moving the pump and installing a larger pipe may be

the ultimate solution, but would be very costly. Paul will have a better idea of the options after they pull the pump.

Old Business

Paul received the new membership cards for the American Horticultural Society's reciprocal membership program and discussed strategies for distributing them. Julie offered to look into creating a thank you card with a photo and Arboretum logo that could be used for sending out the new cards to members.

New Business

We celebrated the Arboreta's Garden Stewardship Award for 2024 from the American Horticultural Society.

We agreed to skip the April Board meeting, since the Annual Meeting will be held the following week.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Next meeting: Monday, **May 13**, 2024