



Hardy Plant Society of Washington

Purpose: Board Meeting

Date: October 4, 2010, 7:00pm

Location: Kandy Kroll's house

Participants: Kandy Kroll, Treasurer, Bob Lilly, President, Pamela Perrott, Secretary, Stefani Cushing, Vice President, Alice Brewer, Coral Wilde, Terri Bates, Debbie Stuteville Members at Large, Suzanne Ferris, former board member

1. Agenda

- a. introduce the new board to each other. Each person said their name, where they lived, and their connection to gardening.
- b. Discuss paying speakers, continued from the last board meeting
- c. Discuss Suzanne's grant application

2. Action Arising from Previous Meeting

During the previous board meeting, which Pamela Perrott and Bob Lilly were not able to attend, the board discussed paying speakers. See September board minutes. After much discussion, the majority agreed in September we should pay speakers and they suggested paying members \$50 and non-members \$150. They did not vote at that time, feeling the idea should be discussed with Bob Lilly, at least, and brought to the general meeting for a vote.

At this board meeting, the idea was discussed again. Stefani said at the September meeting the board was told the Arboretum's list of speakers generally got \$150 for speaking, but she said she'd learned since they actually usually don't receive that much. Bob thought that member and non-member speakers should receive the same amount. We discussed this issue but did not vote.

Pam Perrott, at least, wanted to talk with more members about this idea, and learn what they think. She was concerned the treasury would be drained, and we do not have a plant sale planned for this spring, so the treasury might have to last 2 years.

3. President's Report

The president, Bob Lilly, had just organized the Arboretum Bulb sale. He reported they did not have as many people coming as usual. He thinks they did not publicize it as much as they needed to, that is to say, they didn't mail out postcards announcing it, and that's what explained the low turnout.

4. Secretary's Report (Correspondence In/Out) – N/A

5. Treasurer's Report - N/A

6. Project Report – Seed Exchange

None, but seed packaging meetings have been held at Kandy's on Tuesday evenings.

7. Project Report – Plant Sale – N/A

8. Project Report – Programs

We discussed getting our speakers on the Miller Library calendar, and wondered what range of activities go on it. We thought speakers/programs and plant sales. We did not assign a person to do this, but logically it would be Terri Bates, publicity chair.

We also thought Beda Herbison, programs chair, should send out an email asking for speaker ideas. She has done that. She feels we should be able to pay speakers, at least her job would be easier if we did.

We thought we should ask new people to identify themselves at meetings, so we can welcome them.

9. Project Report – NWF&GS Booth

Suzanne Ferris reported that she and Paul Smith are co-chairs in charge of design of the booth. A Flower and Garden show committee should be set up in November. The suggested committee includes Bob, Kandy, and Terri.

10. Project Report – Website – N/A

11. Project Report – Public Garden

Suzanne Ferris brought a grant application which she wants to send to the City of Seattle, under the Healthy Aging Partnership program. She is applying for \$5000 (the maximum) for a public garden which would demonstrate accessible gardening for older people and people with disabilities. Suzanne had copies of the application and we provided feedback. The grant application is due November 1st. HPSW would be her sponsor.

12. Project Report – Officer Election

The new board was all present. Anne Potter will continue as Membership Chair but does not want to attend board meetings. Beda Herbison will continue as Programs Chair but cannot attend board meetings until she retires in February 2011.

13. Other Business

Ruth Chaus does not want to continue as Garden Tour chair, so we need to find another person for that job.

Alice Brewer volunteers at the Soos Creek Botanical Garden in Auburn, and she brought brochures about the garden, which will open soon.

Terri Bates said she'd agreed to be our Publicity Chair

14. Action Items for next meeting

Continue the discussion on paying speakers

15. Next Board Meeting

First Monday, November 1, 2010, 7:00pm