

Hardy Plant Society of Washington

Purpose: Board Meeting

Date: 12/6/2010

Location: Kandy Kroll's house

Participants: Pam Perrott, Stefani Cushing, Ann

Brewer, Terri Bates, Kandy Kroll (no Bob Lilly)

1. Agenda

2. Action Arising from Previous Meeting N/A

3. President's Report N/A

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

5. Treasurer's Report

Kandy reported we have approximately \$6500 in our account.

6. Project Report – Seed Exchange

The seed packaging group is meeting regularly, most weeks. We thought we should remove the 2008 seeds and donate to classes. Alice Brewer suggested donating them to the Soos Creek Botanical Garden, which is working towards opening this summer.

7. Project Report - Plant Sale

Potting up party report (from the Saturday after Thanksgiving)

We had a very successful potting up party at Kandy's on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. We used up every scrap of soil we could find, dump out of pots etc. because our order from Steuber's wouldn't arrive until the following Tuesday. Pam brought several long stacks of gallon pots from her garage.

They were all used up as were many smaller 4 inch round pots.

Pam is to send another email encouraging folks to donate plants dug up from their gardens. Several people sent lists of what could be dug up either bringing it with them to the potting up or emailed it to Pam. Bob went through the lists, finding things that would be good to pot up now and other things that would be better potted up in March.

Pam also asked Cedar Grove for a donation for 2011. She may need to re-do this in January.

8. Project Report - Programs

2011 Speakers – list handed out

We discussed whether to have our picnic at Fancy Fronds in Gold Bar again, and the board didn't want it to be so far out to the north. We may be able to hold our picnic at the Soos Creek Botanical Garden, which plans to be open to the public by then. Alice Brewer will check on it.

9. Project Report - NWF&GS Booth

Bob needs to contact Paul Smith and/or Suzanne Ferris about progress on their booth design. Bob was absent from the meeting, but Pam will remind him of this.

10. Project Report – Public Garden

Discuss the city grant (we didn't get it). Do we want to apply for another grant?

We discussed the public garden project. We don't want to drop it, and we do want to find out about other grants. We also felt we'd been rushed by the grant timetable, to have a site and the garden designed and built in 2011. The Lake City Community Center on 28th NE just north of 125th is a nice site. We could also plant all the large pots in Lake City, on Lake City Way on the main intersection. There are about 20 pots total.

We thought our garden site should be somewhere central, and where we could expand in the future. There's a farmer's market in Lake City and the Lake City Library is next door to the community center.

We wanted to set our goals first, and try to find a site in 2011. Plant a smaller garden first, with the potential to expand as we want to.

There is also interest in doing plant trials, as the RHS does, especially by Susan Carter.

We need a water source, and ideally tool storage on site. A 35 by 35 foot site would be 1025 square feet, 40x40 1600 sq ft.

We need a committee to find a few possible sites. The committee could come up with a concrete list of requirements for the site. We want the committee to go research sites. We'll give the committee some requirements – approximate size, water available, bathrooms available, etc.

The timeline looks something like this:

Requirements for what we want

Set up committee

Committee researches sites, and reports to board

Board evaluates sites and chooses one

11. Other Business

Kandy reported that Marion Raitz donated \$200 to us and wants a receipt for taxes. We discussed the need for some HPSW letterhead for this type of letter. Pam will contact Grace about designing some letterhead with our logo on it.

We agreed last meeting to pay speakers \$50 per meeting. Pam asked that we pay Carrie Becker and Claire Cockroft, who spoke before we put the new payment system in place.

12. Action Items for next meeting

Pam call Bob about design for F&G show booth

Alice Brewer report on availability of Soos Creek Botanical Garden in Auburn for our picnic

Pam send another email about donating plants from our own gardens for the potting up party

Pam contact Grace about designing letterhead

Pam make sure Kandy pays Carrie Becker and Claire Cockroft

13. Next Board Meeting

January 10, 2011 at Kandy's