



Hardy Plant Society of Washington

Purpose: Board Meeting

Date: 2/7/2011

Location: Kandy Kroll's house

Participants: Bob Lilly, Stefani Cushing, Pamela Perrott, Kandy Kroll, Deborah Stuteville, Coral Wilde, Terri Bates, Alice Brewer

1. Agenda

Flower and Garden show

– discuss booth design, planning, things that need to be done

Forwarding items like Boquet Banque open house to members

Bothell Spring Garden Fair – should we participate?

Publishing membership list

Treasurer's report

Plant Sale update

Miller Garden reservations

2. Treasurer's Report

Kandy reported that we had \$6613 at the start of 2011. With membership renewals we now have 7847. Kandy, Pam and Stefani met at BECU last week to open a new bank account in HPSW's name (the current account is in Kandy's name). We didn't have all the paperwork the bank wanted. **Stefani** is working on that.

3. Project Report – Seed Exchange

4. Project Report – Plant Sale

We had a couple of successful potting up parties since the last board meeting.

Members are digging up clumps and bringing them to Kandy's. We had a good

turnout at the potting up party last Sunday. We potted up everything last Sunday,

We need more clumps of plants for the next parties. We'll skip the next 3 weeks and

have our last potting up parties on March 6th and March 13th 1-4, at Kandy's. We can

bring plants to Kandy's anytime after March 3rd. Call Bob first to notify him they will

be there, and leave them near her garage. Kandy may be out of town during this

time, but we can still use her greenhouse for potting up.

We discussed possibly renting the Curling Club near Kandy's house for the plant sale.

Kandy will investigate this. Bob said the requirements are for a hard surface (like a

parking lot, or a cement floor), some cover is available, just in case, e.g. for cashiers, and parking is available.

Coral mentioned that the new building at Sky Nursery is designed for garden meetings. We discussed the Haller Lake Community Center but the building has a lovely shiny wood floor for dancing, so wouldn't be suitable for plants. Also maybe the Lake City Community Center, in the garage, which is underground, if the weather is bad, and outside in the parking lot if it's good.

5. Project Report – NWF&GS Booth

Deborah Stuteville, Coral Wilde, Terri Bates, Stefani Cushing and Alice Brewer are the design subcommittee and have been meeting.

Pam Perrott said she has the 3 ring binder from last year's F&G show, and will update it and bring it to the show. It had a seed list and a plant list for the plant sale. It needs updated versions of those. **Alice Brewer** is working on a plant list and **Kandy** has the seed list. The binder had information on the company supplying the sedum mats, which will be left in this year's version. It needs info on the sculpture person's website and the painter's website.

We will have new postcards with this year's meeting topics and dates. **Pam** needs to tell Grace on the plant sale 'check website for location'. **Pam** agreed to put extra empty plastic page covers into the binder so more stuff can be added. **Pam** will put in this year's schedule, etc.

Pam will also print and bring membership forms. **Kandy or Bob** will bring seed packets to be given to new members who sign up at the show.

Grace is working on new postcards with new images and 2011 information, meeting topics, plant sale date etc.

Terri Bates showed us the black plastic we'll use for the crossword squares and asked the board to authorize spending approximately \$50 to buy the sheets. Passed.

Terri will buy the stock. **Deborah Stuteville's husband** will cut them to size.

Kandy has the banner from last year and gave it to the design team.

Stefani will get more of the black stain we used last year. Bob thinks it was used up. It's ebony color. We'll use Liquid Nails for gluing seeds onto the tiles that will have seeds on them. **Deborah** will bring glue and brushes. Deborah has lots of glue sticks. Grace and her pickup is available for takedown of the booth. We discussed how we'll get everything there on Monday. We agreed to rent a large enough van to fit everything into, for the day on Monday. **Stefani** will look into renting a van.

Terri gave out wristbands to board members for the days they are volunteering at the F&G show, and will mail to the rest of the volunteers, and will send an email soliciting Sunday volunteers.

We discussed the flower show budget and agreed it's \$600. We need the figure to give to Paul Smith, who is designing the 2012 booth. We agreed to set up a F&G show committee for 2012 through 2014, who will deal directly with Paul Smith about next year's booth design. They'll inform him of the budget. The current team will mostly be the committee for next year through 2014. The idea is to have more notice if he won't come through with a design, so we aren't so rushed if we have to take over. We moved and passed a motion to make a F&G show committee a standing committee of HPSW.

6. Project Report – Public Garden

Terri reminded us that we had goals of making progress towards a public garden. Pam suggested deferring discussion til the March board meeting, after the Flower and Garden show. We mentioned again the Lake City Community Center site, and described its location for those who haven't seen it yet. We thought if we did have the plant sale there, we'd be building relationships with them.

7. Other Business

We discussed whether the secretary should send out to members items like the Bouquet Banque open house. Pam received it from Kandy, but wasn't sure about sending it out to the membership. Bob said to check with him when it comes up and he'll decide. He said, for example, that Bouquet Banque supported prior plant sales by being a vendor, may donate plants to us, and is a special nursery of interest to members, so he would have sent out the notice of the open house.

Bothell Spring Garden Fair. Coral had been to the fair in the past. She said it's a very open windy site with no shelter and no cover, and is an educational fair, mostly. It's also quite a small fair. We decided not to participate.

We thought we might explore participating in the Tilth Plant Sale in early May. **Coral** will check into it. **Stefani** said Sorticulture in Everett is cool, and we should explore participating in it.

Publishing a membership booklet? Pam said several members had asked for a member list in the past month. She has been mailing a copy of the Excel spreadsheet to members who ask. We agreed to publish and mail a printed membership list formatted in Word, like the old NPA membership directory, with a list of Board members and their contact information. We won't publish it yet, it's too

soon in the renewal year, since Anne didn't send the membership renewal email until the January meeting on January 20th. Pam needs to email members before publishing it to ask them if they want to opt out of being in the book.

Pam announced we have Miller garden reservations for 2011. Alice Brewer got one for May 18th at 10am, and Pam Perrott got one for September 21st at 1pm. Both are Wednesdays. The Miller garden is only open on Wednesdays and Thursdays for tours. We'll have sign up lists at the March meeting for the Miller garden tours.

8. Next Board Meeting

March 7, 2011

Deborah Stuteville offered her house for the rest of the board meetings in 2011. She handed out driving directions from the north and south. She lives near the NW corner of the zoo in Seattle.