

KANSAS NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
FALL BOARD MEETING
2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Sept. 8, 2006
Coombs Farm
Holton, KS

Members Present: Jeff Hansen, Iralee Barnard, Shirley Braunlich, Fred Coombs, Nancy Coombs, Krista Dahlinger, Ann Feyerharm, Steve Ford, Craig Freeman, Cindy Ford, Jane Freeman, Nancy Goulden, Michael Heffron, June Kliesen, Carroll Morgenson, Dee Scherich, Phyllis Scherich, Ann Simpson, Sister Patricia Stanley, Valerie Wright.

Welcome and Minutes: President Jeff Hansen called the meeting to order and welcomed all. Each person introduced themselves. Jeff asked for corrections or additions to the minutes of the April meeting. With corrections of a few typos Valerie moved we accept the minutes as corrected. Second by Krista. Passed.

Nominating Report: Craig presented the KNPS Board of Directors nominations for 2006 – 2007 (Craig Freeman, Jeff Hansen, Valerie Wright – nominating committee). They are Earl Allen, Manhattan, new; Shirley Braunlich, Lawrence; Cynthia Ford, Pittsburg; Craig Freeman, Lawrence; Jane Freeman, Lawrence, new to board, effective upon official resignation as administrative assistant; Nancy Goulden, Manhattan.

Members going off the Board: Donna Cooper, Hays, 1 year; Allison Hamm, Wichita, 2 years, Dwight Platt, Newton, 28 years, charter member, past president; Gary Weisenberger, Toronto, 6 years; Marion McGlohon, Ulysses, 10 years.

Officers for KNPS for a 1-year term: Secretary, Phyllis Scherich, Wilmore; Treasurer, Sr. Patricia Stanley, Bel Aire; President Elect, Michael Heffron, Eureka; President, Jeff Hansen, Topeka.

Scanning KNPS Slides: Craig reported that scanning about 1000 slides (the best 1000 of the inventory of 3000 available) into digital images with file management would cost about \$528. He has a student assistant who can do this.

Newsletter Articles: Nancy Goulden passed around a sign-up sheet asking members to volunteer to write articles for the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Sister Pat presented the report in written form to all Board members for inspection. Craig moved we accept the report as submitted. Second by Nancy G. Passed. Her report shows we have had Expenses YTD of \$5598.72 and Income of \$4955.71.

Scanning KNPS Slides: After determining we have the money to do so, Nancy G. moved that we ask Craig to go ahead with 1000 slides for the estimated cost. Second by Valerie. Passed. Craig will proceed.

Board Resignations: Jeff reported he has received two new Board resignations. They are Dwight Platt on Aug 22 after 28 years and Marion McGlohon on Sept. 7, after 10 years. Jane will send a card to each of them thanking them for their service.

Administrative Assistant Resignation: Craig & Jane reiterated Jane's desire to retire from the administrative assistant position, positively by the end of calendar year 2006. They have constructed a Job Description for the position. The job requires 100-150 hours per year. The one person who had previously shown interest in the position has withdrawn her name. Other strategies could be implemented to help accommodate this need if no applicant steps forward. 1) Enlist the efforts of standing committees to do parts of the job. 2) Find a student who might be interested. Nancy G. suggested asking for interested applicants at the Annual Meeting, then if we don't get at that time that we put some ads in some newspapers – maybe Lawrence and Topeka area. Ann F. suggested posting a notice on some Kansas University bulletin boards. It seems to be a general consensus that the person needs to be near enough to the current office to pick up mail, deposit money, etc., but with some creativity, it may not be required.

County Wildflower Tours: Krista distributed a draft titled, "How to Throw a Great Wildflower Tour" that she had created with conversations from several who have conducted them successfully. She suggested it be put on the website to be accessed by anyone who is interested, after being complete in final form. June K. volunteered to be a "pilot project" using this handout.

Symphony on the Prairie: Craig received a phone call from Emily Hunter. She wants the names of volunteers who led flower tours at the Symphony this year. She plans to then send thank-yous to each and to invite them to a thank you party on October 15, to be held at the Z-Bar Ranch. Several suggested she be reminded that KNPS members never did receive the volunteer t-shirts that had been promised. Craig has sent the list to Emily, who acknowledged receipt of it.

Events for 2007 Brochure: Shirley distributed a list of events for 2007. She asked that anyone with an event to list to get the information to her. She proposed several dates for the 2007 KNPS Annual Meeting, including September 21, 22, and 23; the first two weekends of October also were discussed. Jeff indicated he had received an invitation from Jim Smith with the Dillon Nature Center in Hutchinson for the Annual Meeting. Jeff moved and Sister Pat seconded that the Board recommend to the members at the Annual Meeting that the 2007 Annual Meeting be held in the Hutchinson area Sept. 21, 22, 23, pending confirmation with Jim Smith at the Dillon Nature Center that those dates will work, and verification that several other regional or statewide events (e.g., Kansas State Fair) will not conflict. Carroll Morgenson moved that the Winter KNPS Board of Directors be Saturday, January 20, at Emporia. Jeff will check with Dr. Eddy to see if this works with their calendar. It was seconded by Nancy Coombs. Passed.

2007 Wildflower of the Year: Jane announced that the Purple Poppy Mallow Callirhoe involucrata) is the Wildflower of the Year in 2007. Steve Timme and Cindy Ford will do a write-up on it for the January (Winter) Newsletter.

Membership Report: Jane distributed a sheet showing the current membership. Since July 24 24 new members have joined KNPS, for a total of 328 on Sept. 5, 2006, keeping the membership level fairly even since 2005.

Book Sales: Carroll Morgenson reported he has received orders for books in the amount of about \$650.00 this year.

Thank You Fred and Nancy: Jeff thanked Fred and Nancy for hosting this year's Annual Meeting. The entire Board applauded their efforts.

Adjournment: June moved we adjourn. Seconded by Jeff. Passed.

Action Items:

- ❖ All – Write articles for Newsletter as volunteered
- ❖ Craig – Proceed with having the slides scanned, with file management
- ❖ Jane – send note of appreciation to board members who have retired this year
- ❖ Jane – Post notice, place ads in newspaper for Administrative Assistant position
- ❖ Krista/Jeff – Place Krista’s “How to Throw a Great Wildflower Tour” on the Web page
- ❖ Craig – send list of 2006 Symphony volunteers to Emily Hunter – Completed!
- ❖ Jeff – Check with Jim Smith & other calendars concerning 2007 Annual Meeting Date
- ❖ Jeff – Confirm with Dr. Eddy for Board of Directors meeting Saturday, Jan. 20 in Emporia
- ❖ Steve Timme and Cindy Ford – Wildflower of the Year Write-up for Winter Newsletter