

## **Arboretum Associates Board Meeting**

Monday, December 11, 2023

UI Facilities Small Conference Room

Present: Paul Warnick, Erik Anderson, Harriet Hughes, Nancy Sprague, Nancy Zabriskie, Frank Clarke

Absent: Kat Clancy, Julie Miller, Yvonne Barkley, Lucy Falcy, Kris Roby

### **Approval of Minutes**

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2023 meeting.

Motion passed.

### **Arbor Notes**

The latest issue of *Arbor Notes* received lots of good feedback and all agreed that it was very well done. A couple questions were raised about the donor list. Erik volunteered to respond to an inquiry from a Life Associate. Frank will review the process for creating the donor roll and check for any other omissions. In the future the names of spouses of donors may also be included as they were in the past. Frank reported that the mailing list includes donors who have contributed within the past three years.

### **Annual Meeting**

Erik requested ideas and suggestions for promoting attendance at the annual meeting, which will be held on April 16, 2024 at the 1912 Center. Finding a horticultural “rock star” to be a presenter has been a challenge.

### **Plant Sale**

Frank checked on the policy regarding honorarium and found that they can be used for volunteers, but not for faculty and staff. Other options for paying for the weekend watering of the plants for the plant sale were discussed. This issue was tabled until the next meeting so that more Board members can review the potential options and Lucy can be consulted.

Paul reported that he has been ordering plants for the sale, but will be ordering less than last year. He will focus on ordering annuals that can be used for the annual bed in the Arboretum, plus some extras, as well as perennials for the Arboretum, plus extras for the sale.

### **Arboreta Updates**

Paul gave a PowerPoint presentation with highlights of recent projects. Major work was conducted in the Shattuck Arboretum taking out dead trees. Over 40 trees were cut down, primarily Norway Maples. Mark Otto, the new UI Arborist, did an excellent job. He also cut down five Western White Pines in the New Arboretum. The brush was chipped and the logs

were moved to line the path. A dead Grand Fir provided wood for a new bench north of the Porta Potty.

Paul received a new quote on a Kubota tractor that was cheaper, so it has been ordered and will hopefully arrive soon. He was also asked to provide a comparable bid for the 4-wheel drive Mini truck, but it was hard to find, so he submitted a bid waiver request. He has also ordered the Toro Workman.

Paul discussed Robert Castelo's recent presentation for the American Public Gardens Association, as well as his Master's thesis. He felt that Robert did a good job of describing the history of the Arboretum and potential impacts of the new development nearby, but wished that Robert had come up with some potential solutions or recommendations for next steps. Robert sent copies of his thesis to the City of Moscow and to the UI President, but Paul is concerned that not much will happen. He suggested that the Board may want to consider sending a letter to the City asking what their plans are for the City property south of the Arboretum.

### **Old Business**

Paul has ordered the Garry oaks to be planted in honor of Sherman Carter, and is working on a good way to have them transported to the Arboretum next spring.

Meeting adjourned at 6:06 pm.

**Next meeting:** Monday, January 8, 2024