

Minutes for the Annual Meeting Western Colorado Gardening Foundation

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Western Colorado Gardening Foundation (the "Foundation") was held on January 28, 2006 at the Community Room in the Mesa Mall, beginning at 10:45 A.M., and following a presentation by Don Campbell, Cactus and Succulent Society. Don's colorful slide program featured cactus and succulents grown in Western Colorado.

The meeting was called to order by the President.

The President, after noting that the written notice required by the Foundation's Bylaws had been timely given to all members, reviewed attendance and declared that a quorum was present.

First order of business was an update on the Arboretum project, provided by Dr. Curtis Swift of the CSU Extension Office:

- Work progresses with donations in kind and volunteer efforts. Expenses have been updated and \$196,000 is needed to complete the project. Gifts in kind have totaled \$31,000 and the CSU Foundation has provided \$6000. Shrubs and trees have been ordered.
- A campaign has begun to educate donors that additional donations to equal the next level would allow recognition in the way of an engraved paving stone. A grant request is in the process to the Colorado Tree Coalition. The search continues for other grant resources. This will be Sylvia's role in 2006.
- City plans are in progress to redesign the storm storage swale west of the amphitheater. This will provide the opportunity for a wetland demonstration area in the future.

Next was an update on the Landscapes Conference, February 10-12, by John Moore:

- Master Gardeners can attend the conference kickoff on Friday morning for \$10. (Non-Master Gardeners pay \$25 for the session.)
- Friday afternoon has free presentations for all attendees.
- Conference hours for the public are Friday, Noon to 6:00 P.M., Saturday, 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Sunday, 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Next was the Treasurer's Report:

- There remains \$5,551.37 in the account at this time, of which \$1761.37 is available to the Foundation. Remaining funds of \$3,790.00 are restricted funds for the Arboretum.
- Scott is departing as Treasurer and from the board. Thank you to Scott for all your work over the past year.

Next was the presentation of the 2006 board members nominated to date:

- 2006 Board Member nominations are: Beverly Duzenack, Bob Kline, Cece Mac Vittie, H.D. (Dutch) Afman, Evelyn Chandler, Mary Watson, Shirley Skinner, Sylvia Sharpe and Victoria Thomas.
- The president called for any additional nominations. No further nominations were submitted.
- Motion received to accept the nine board members. All for, none against, motioned carried.
- Officers will be elected by the board in their next meeting (immediately following today's annual membership meeting.). All 2005 officers will be stepping down.

Next was the Grants Recap for 2005:

- Girls Scouts \$450 from WCGF
- Colorado Desert Herb Society \$1000 from WCGF
- Orchard Mesa Middle School \$500 (Phase III Grant Request from Colorado Parks and Recreation Association)

Finally Announcements:

- Renew your membership. Dues are \$15, \$13 for Seniors (60 and above) and Students. Scott can collect your check today, or you are welcome to mail them to the PO Box.
- Second Annual Garage Sale scheduled for Saturday, April 8, at Barbara Royce's house in the Redlands.
- Newly elected board members are asked to remain for a short meeting to elect and install new officers.

With no further business to come before the meeting, upon a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 11:14 A.M.

Dated _____

Sylvia Sharpe, President

Dated _____

Victoria Thomas, Secretary

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