

**BONSAI SOCIETY OF PORTLAND
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 9, 2015**

Meeting called to order at 7pm.

In attendance: Jan Hettick, Eileen Knox, Steve Leaming, Lee Cheatle, John Thomas, Robert Wolfold, Phil Harden

Approval of minutes of the October meeting, M – S – C

Finance Report was given by John. See attached documents

-International Bonsai Society renewal – Jan will compete.

-Audit is still a work in progress.

-Authorized Charlene Voytegia to sign the contract for up to \$600. M – S - C

Membership – 272 members

Committee Reports:

Hospitality Chair – Lee – All seems to be working fine. Gathering new helpers as they make themselves known.

Library acquisitions at a discount – John

Website Updates – Jan for Karl – still working.

Mentorship – 101 is Eileen

- 103 Chair – Liz Hardy seems willing.

- Updates on Web Calendar.

Holiday Party – Steve gave on update.

Holiday party invitations will be given to the Center Staff as an appreciation gesture.

Purchase of iPod for visa use – Tabled

Old Business:

Storage Shed at Milwaukie Center – Tabled

Business Debit Card was acquired by John. – done

9-Ring Circus article for ABS news letter will be prepared by Lee.

We had a long discussion about our club putting together a convention bid for PNBCA. This discussion contained our concerns with the club's relationship with the PNBCA.

We decided to poll the club members before we made a decision as to whether we were going to put together a bid for a convention or not. This poll was to ascertain if there were going to be enough members who would be willing to volunteer to put on said convention. This is because the volume of work is huge and cannot be done without club membership participation. This decision was tabled until after the next club meeting and the result of the poll.

Next meeting will be Monday December 7, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

Submitted by Phil Hardin, Secretary