

BONSAI SOCIETY OF PORTLAND
BOARD MEETING NOTES
October 17, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Lee Cheatle at 7:02 pm.

Present were Lee Cheatle, Steve Leaming, John Thomas, Jan Hettick, Phil Harden, and Patty Myrick.

Minutes - the September minutes were approved with name spelling corrections.

BOARD REPORTS

Treasurer

John presented a financial statement for the Fall Show showing a net revenue of \$6,002.26. The P&L for the month of September was not ready yet.

Jan mentioned she sometimes does not get all the information she needs when new members join at the meetings. She and John will get together and work on setting up some procedures for collecting funds at meetings.

Membership

Jan reported a total of 330 members.

Programs

Garland Nursery donated a beech tree and a \$15 gift certificate that will be auctioned at the October meeting, Lee will also bring a large juniper, a black pine, a maple, and a tray of pots, and some soil and rocks for the raffle. October's program will be the Three Amigos - Lee Cheatle, Dennis Vojtilla and Greg Brenden. We'll also have a free drawing for two members to have a tree critiqued by Danny Coffie at November's meeting.

November's program will be Danny Coffie from North Carolina. He will be doing critiques on two trees.

December's meeting is the Holiday Party.

January is the annual business meeting. There was some discussion about

inviting Josef Leibfried to lecture on bonsai ceramics.

February we're sharing Owen Reich with Puget Sound.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Auction - Lee will send Jan the auction list so she can pre-enter the auction tags.

Newsletters - Patty will take over printing and mailing the hard copies of the newsletter. Printing the photos on 24 lb. paper looked much better than using standard weight paper so we will continue to do that even though it costs a little extra postage.

Website Update - Karl Holmes has made a section on the website for the 2018 convention. He is creating a place where people can enter their email address to receive updates. Lee will call Karl to discuss the possibility of setting up a way for people to register for the mentorship class through the website.

Hospitality - No new business.

Library - **It was moved and seconded that Jan be authorized to spend up to \$600 to purchase a new computer for the Library plus an Office 360 software subscription. The motion passed unanimously.**

Mentorship - Lee has laid out the program schedule for the next four months and is waiting for confirmation from the Milwaukie Center. Jan will update the website.

Heritage - Bob Laws is concerned that we are missing the aspect of taking care of trees for people who are ill. Lee will call Bob to discuss. There was some discussion about the need to have a networking system for people who need help watering trees when they are traveling, Lee will follow-up.

Fall Show - Jan handed out a compilation of Notes on the Fall Show. **It was moved and seconded that we authorize John to negotiate with the Milwaukie Center to reserve the entire space, suggested dates being October 14th or 21st, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.**

John mentioned we need to work on some cash management procedures, and also how we manage credit cards at more than one location. John agreed to purchase a second Square for Jan's phone.

Jan would like to purchase a second banner to match the big yellow one but a bit smaller. **It was moved and seconded that we authorize Steve Leaming to spend up to \$300 to acquire a second banner. The motion passed unanimously.**

2018 Rendezvous - Jan met with the staff at the Milwaukie Center. We can get access at 7:00 am each morning, we can probably use the Library for a social space, and we can probably use the pool room for storage and Will Call as long as we stay away from the pool tables. We can park in the back for load in/out, we can use the inside reader board for the schedule, there are lights in the picnic

area. Lee will start researching tenting for use on the grassy area to the south of the building. Robert has the check for initial funds for spending on the event.

OLD BUSINESS

On-site storage shed - John met with the Milwaukie Center regarding a shed. They want us to locate it behind the existing storage shed to the north in a gravel area. **It was moved and seconded that John be authorized to spend up to \$3,000 on a storage shed. The motion passed unanimously.**

Nominations Committee - the nominations have been announced in the newsletter and will be announced at the October meeting, then voted on at the November meeting.

Location for Spring Show - Scott Elser heard from the Japanese Garden that they are working on fitting us into their schedule for our 2017 Spring Show. They have three spaces in the new village for us to use. It was suggested that we consider the on-going construction in Washington Park that limits access to the Garden.

Yearout Juried Show - Harold Yearout is willing to spend around \$1600 for prize money and is okay with it being the Japanese Garden show. He wants to have prize money available and is willing to provide it.

NEW BUSINESS

Holiday Party - The Holiday Party was announced in the newsletter. Charlene Vojtilla will be handling the food again this year. We need to make sure we can sell the tickets through the website. After discussion it was decided to charge a token amount of \$10.

Honorary Membership - **It was moved and seconded that an Honorary Membership be awarded. The motion passed unanimously.** It was decided to present the award at the Holiday Party.

Future Board Meetings - November 7, December 5 (new Board will be included), January 8.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm

Respectfully Submitted: Patty Myrick, October 21, 2016