

BONSAI SOCIETY OF PORTLAND
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 12, 2019

Present were Board Members:

President	Joe Johanesen
Vice-President Programs	Reid Parham
Treasurer	Patty Myrick

Board members Vice-President Membership Jan Hettick and Secretary Laura Hudson were absent.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm.

Minutes - the minutes for the October 1, 2019 Board Meeting were approved.

BOARD REPORTS

Treasurer

Treasurer Patty Myrick presented an Income Statement showing year-to-date net gain of \$2,041.28. The final net income from the 2019 Bonsai Jamboree was \$3,919.42.

Programs

November's program is Czech bonsai artist Jan Culek, December is the Holiday Party, January 2020 is the Annual Business meeting and Scott Elser with a short presentation on repotting.

Membership

Jan reported current membership of 398.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Events -

Spring Show - Joe will write a newsletter article calling for volunteers to form a Committee to find a new venue for a Spring Show.

Fall Show - On the schedule for October 10, 2020 but there is some conflict with the Milwaukie Center for that date. Can we move it to the next weekend?

Holiday Party - (December 15, 2019) The 2020 Party is scheduled for Sunday December 13th, can we change it to Saturday the 12th?

2019 Holiday Party organization is mostly complete. It was agreed we will use the Super Raffle's Chinese Elm for a Holiday Party raffle. Discussion of prizes for the Best Sweater and Decorated Tree contests decided on a \$75 gift certificate for each good for purchases from any vendor at a BSOP monthly meeting and/or purchase of BSOP tee shirts. Gift certificates expire June 30, 2020.

Library - Barbara Devitt & Karen VunKannon - The Library needs a new software package. A committee has been formed to research possibilities. The Board agreed a package costing \$99 per year would be acceptable. The Librarian had submitted suggestions for library policy addressing the issue of past due materials. The Board agreed that we do not want to impose fines on past due materials. However, we did agree that if a borrower has past due items then no new items can be checked out. It was also agreed that the Board should assist the Librarian with member communication regarding severely past due materials and will request that the Librarian communicate these problems to the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Show - Joe will write a newsletter article calling for volunteers to form a Committee to find a new venue for a Spring Show. The Milwaukie Center will not be available to rent.

Volunteer Awards & Honorary Membership - MOVED - To award Outstanding Volunteer Awards for 2019 to BARBARA DEVITT, KAREN VUNKANNON, BRIAN LONSTAD AND JOANNE RAITON. The Motion was Seconded and Passed. It was also agreed that Jan should purchase Lee Cheatle's Honorary Membership award and a plaque recognizing his years as President (2015-2018). Joe requested that we assist him with his presentation of these awards by forwarding any information we have about the service provided to the club by all these individuals.

Tee-Shirts for 2020 - Scott has agreed to do a 2020 tee shirt design, aiming to introduce the design in January. Tee shirts sales January - March, for delivery at April - June meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

Sub-alpine Workshop - Lee Cheatle has acquired some material meant for the mentorship program but feels that the quality of these trees warrants a workshop with more experienced members. He and Steve Wilcox have offered to present a workshop in the Milwaukie Center Grape Room. The Board agreed this is a good opportunity. We will inform Lee to go ahead with plans.

Mentorship Program Time Change - The Milwaukie Center has requested a mentorship time change to accommodate a new renter they have. The Mentorship group decided the best option is to change the Mentorship class times to 10am to 1pm. The Board agreed, Jan has communicated with the Milwaukie Center.

Jan Culek Workshop - Reid has the workshop organized, website is ready for registrations, Jan will send out an email blast to members.

Donation to Pacific Bonsai Museum - It was agreed via email to make a donation pledge to the Kickstarter campaign for *A Gallery of Trees* book publication. Treasurer Patty Myrick pledged \$79 to the campaign to receive a copy of the book. Several Board members felt that BSOP should make a larger contribution in keeping with the club's stature in the Northwest bonsai community.

MOVED - to make an additional pledge of \$250 to the campaign to receive a signed copy of the book and the BSOP name listed as a Supporter in the first edition of the book. Seconded and Passed.

Volunteer Recruitment - Reid would like to discuss further at our upcoming Board meetings that there are volunteer opportunities that are under-fulfilled and we would love to have new people step up. One thing that would help accomplish this is to engage more with new members, informing them about the volunteer tradition of the club and the opportunities available. Let's make 2020 The Year of the Volunteer. The January Business Meeting may be a good place to begin our recruitment campaign.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for December 3rd, 2019

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted on 11-15-2019,

Patty Myrick