Arboretum Associates Board Meeting  
Monday, November 8, 2021  
UI Facilities Large Conference Room and Zoom

Present: Kat Clancy, Kris Roby, Paul Warnick, Jan Leander, Harriet Hughes, Bill Bowler, Yvonne Barkley, Erik Anderson, Lucy Falcy, Julie Miller  
Absent: Joy Fisher, Nancy Sprague

Approval of Minutes

It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes of the October 11, 2021 meeting. Motion passed.

Plant Sale

The early order discount for ordering plants is November 15th, so Paul and Jan went ahead and placed our order for a selection of annual plugs. The early discount saved us about $50. Ship date is the 1st week in March 2022. We will meet for a couple of days over a few weekends to up-pot the plugs. Paul said he will send the plant list to anyone who would like to look at it and/or add to the order.

Jan will talk to Laura at the ice rink about finalizing the date and arrangements. Setup is on Friday, May 20th and the sale is on Saturday, May 21, 2022.

Yvonne has offered to grow some plants from seed. She can grow 150 at a time in 2 1/4” cells, which will then be up-potted into 4” pots.

Arbor Notes

Articles for the upcoming issue are due to Joy this week. Articles have been submitted to Joy by Kris and Paul as well as photos of the barn through the years from Paul as well. Upcoming dates for the next year will be included: the Plant Sale on 5/21/22; the Annual Concert on the second Monday of July (7/11/22); and the Annual Meeting which is TBA.

Arboretum Updates

New employee!

Paul announced that Lucy is now an official UI employee and can now drive all the equipment as well as run chain saws, etc.

The Budget

The Arboretum budget provided by Facilities has been exceeded for the year and this has been approved by Elaina McIntosh-Perry; $27,000 has been spent so far. Elaina planned on covering the deficit with monies from the general Facilities budget.
A potential problem may arise as Elaina is leaving her position as of this Friday (11/12/21) and her replacement may not agree with the currently approved overdraft. Facilities doles out budget money twice a year - one installment in July ($19,500) and the second in January of each fiscal year. Paul is assuming he will get the second installment as usual even though there is an overdraft. If not, he may need to come to the Arboretum Associates Board for funds, which he thinks is highly unlikely.

*The Ponds*

Paul and staff took the raft out on the upper pond Monday to check on the results of the herbicide application applied this fall to kill the infestation of Parrot Feather. The plants are olive green in color and do not seem to be thriving. It is unknown if this is a result of the herbicide application or the colder weather, but as neither the ponds nor the soil have frozen yet it is thought it is the systemic herbicide doing its job. It was easier to move the raft around and a large turtle was seen, so the wildlife seems to be thriving.

Yvonne emailed Dr. Erin Brooks, Faculty Member in the UI CALS Department of Soil and Water Systems, about the pond pump and related problems. Paul and Yvonne will meet with him later in the semester to discuss options.

*The Wish List*

Paul passed around a wish list of projects that have been suggested/discussed over the years. He will mail copies to everyone. He pointed out that we do not currently have any projects planned and that we would benefit from having some goals set.

This list is not ranked in any order. Paul would like us to rank the projects listed and add any new ideas anyone may have, thinking about which projects would most benefit the Arboretum. We are not to think about the cost of each project. The reasoning behind this is that the Arboretum Associated funds are robust and any monies needed for a project beyond what we currently have could be obtained thru a combination of fund raising and writing grants.

A long discussion followed summarizing and explaining each project and bringing new board members up to date. In the effort to keep the minutes as brief as possible a short summary of each project can be included on the list Paul will be sending to all board members should anyone want that.

*Signage*

The University has agreed to a new sign at the entrance to the UI Golf Course parking lot indicating that the lot is now parking for both the UI Golf Course and the Arboretum. The sign has been ordered and paid for and will be installed when it arrives.

There was no old, new, or other business to discuss. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.

**Next meeting** will be on December 13, 2021.