Present: Kat Clancy, Paul Warnick, Yvonne Barkley, Erik Anderson, Lucy Falcy, Nancy Sprague
Absent: Julie Miller, Joy Fisher, Jan Leander, Harriet Hughes, Bill Bowler, Kris Roby
(Note: Some board members were unable to attend due to technical issues with Zoom.)

**Approval of Minutes**
It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2021 meeting.
Motion passed.

**Plant Sale**
Jan sent a summary of her recent conversation with Laura, the Palouse Ice Rink Manager. The rent on the building is paid, so we should expect things to be just as in years past in terms of our basic needs (power, trash cans, water). The move to the new Ice Rink is planned to begin in midsummer.

Paul reported that the big order of annuals should ship on March 7, so the first potting party is scheduled for Saturday, March 12, at 10am. The three orders for perennials will arrive over the following three weeks, so potting parties were tentatively scheduled for the following three Saturdays.

Paul was contacted by the local Friends of the Library group asking if they could set up a table to sell gardening books at the plant sale. They offered to pay a flat fee or a share of the sales. The board approved this request. Paul will contact them and let them decide what is fair compensation.

**ArborNotes**
Joy sent a message to report that ArborNotes is done and at the printers. It should be printed by February 16 and to the mailroom shortly after.

**Annual Meeting**
Kat has booked the Great Room at the 1912 Center for the annual meeting on April 12, 2022 and will give the invoice to Joy. Kat will be returning from a trip out of town on April 12, but is planning to be at the meeting. Further details for the annual meeting will be worked out at the board meeting on March 14.
Paul's Survey
Paul provided a detailed report on the progress of the projects which were identified as the top priorities in the recent survey. A print copy of his report has been sent to board members. Projects discussed included: ADA accessible paths, bridge replacements, pond improvements, restrooms, and the south end parking lot expansion.

Arboreta Updates
Paul discussed some budget issues, including concerns about how to find funding to hire help for the summer. His crew from last summer are apparently interested in returning, but Paul is unsure of funding for them at this point.

Paul also provided a detailed update on the golf course slope project, including four other options for the Johnston’s donation. These are described in Paul’s written report.

The Arboretum records database (BG Base) was also discussed in detail. There may be some new database options to consider for the future. Paul describes these in his report.

Other key updates included: 11 new interpretive signs are being prepared and extensive new plantings are slated for this spring. Input is welcome on potential donor projects that fit within the $2500 minimum donation. Paul's report also covered mapping and arboretum accreditation issues. He encouraged the board to brainstorm ideas on the future of the Arboretum and ways to re-invigorate the Arboretum's Executive Committee. One member of this committee may be retiring, so suggestions for new board members are welcome.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.

Next Meeting will be on March 14, 2022.