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

Approval of Minutes
It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2022 meeting. Motion passed.

Plant Sale
The first Saturday planting party was held last weekend. Jan recommended buying a smaller number of baskets and liners for this year’s plant sale. She will contact her list of past volunteers within the next week or two to find out who will be available to help with the sale. There may be a need for more volunteers. Paul confirmed the tables which will cost the same as at the previous plant sale.

Annual Meeting
The Great Room at the 1912 Center has been reserved for April 12, 2022, from 6:30-8:30pm. Paul will be the main speaker. The meeting will begin at 7pm. Kat will coordinate light refreshments of cookies and coffee and will select the tablecloth colors. Bill offered to make a poster for the annual meeting. Joy brought up the need to compile a packet of materials for the meeting including the Treasurer’s Report, the minutes from the 2019 annual meeting, and election information. Kat will send out an email to current board members to find out who would like to continue on the board and who may be interested in one of the open positions of president or treasurer. Paul offered to bring some door prizes, including two gift certificates for the plant sale and a few plants.

Paul’s Survey and Arboreta Updates
Paul reported on his recent meeting with Rusty Vineyard, UI Director of Facilities Management. They reviewed the Arboretum Associates Priority Survey list. Rusty expressed interest in attending a board meeting. The restroom issue was discussed, including whether a permanent vault would be an improvement over a porta-potty. The consensus was that we try putting another porta-potty on the west side near the middle of the Arboretum. Paul suggested that a three-sided wooden fence be constructed around it. Paul checked with a contractor about the ADA-friendly path, but has not received a response yet. No actions have been taken yet on improving the ponds.
Paul discussed the ArbNet Accreditation process for the Arboretum which is up for renewal in April. He will send in the application for renewal of the accreditation at Level 3. Paul reported that he had talked to Dan Cronan, a new faculty member in Landscape Architecture, about joining the Arboretum’s Executive Committee. Dan expressed interest in helping to revitalize the committee and may have suggestions for additional committee members from the other two colleges.

Paul described four large potential projects that he will suggest to a major donor. These include: the wheat field basalt rock wall and steps; the ADA-friendly pathway following the streambank; the lilac slope rock wall, steps and bench; and the Golden Chain tunnel. Paul discussed the Arboretum’s Donor Policy for $2500 projects, in which $1000 goes to the Centennial Endowment, $500 to maintenance, and $1000 for the project. Potential projects in this category include: Eastern North American native ferns and groundcovers; Rose of Sharon plantings; a shade tree demo; and pond edge plantings (to replace the aquatic iris that need to be removed due to their status as a noxious weed in Idaho). One of the challenges is to identify projects that can be easily maintained. A discussion followed of other potential major projects for the future.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.