Minutes of March 16, 2016 CNPS Mount Lassen Chapter Board Meeting  
by Jim Dempsey, Secretary

**Motions in bold** (m/s/c who moved, second, result) **AN**: indicates Action Needed.

Called to order 7 pm (home of Cindy Weiner). Quorum was present (8/9): Woody Elliott WE, Jim and Catie Bishop JB/CB, Nancy Praizler NP, Jim Dempsey JD, Meryl Bond MB, Letha Albright LA, Cindy Weiner CW. John Whittlesey JW absent. Also in attendance Marjorie McNairn MM, Janna Lathrop JL.

**Minutes** of February 17, 2016 as edited by WE adopted (NP/LA/passed, Bishops abstained).

Announcements – passed out name tags. Agenda modifications as noted below in New Business by “**AM#**”, four items.

Treasurer’s Report, Nancy P. Handout budget as of 2/29/2016. Park shed bought; Heidi Ortiz is the tool steward. Tri Counties Bank needs new signature cards for WE, NP, JB.

**Old Business**

a. Student Research Grants, JB: **Approved grant to Gaylene Reische** (WE/JB/unanimous). **AN**: Treasurer will draft $600 check to Gaylene. **AN**: Committee will develop improvements to grant process by September: criteria, scoresheet, how publicized, timeline.

b. Gridley Library, CB: “weeds removed” but not really. **AN**: Need plant list.

   CB: JW had indicated he will revisit site this afternoon.

c. Garden Tour, WE: Melinda Tevis says this must be a free event, now 18-19 gardens, half morning half afternoon. ‘Donations requested’. The Web App ‘eventbrite.com’ has capacity for credit card donation. ‘Native garden’ criteria is to contain at least 4 native plants.

d. Environmental Community Gathering 3/25, WE: 4th time as a post-CSUC Sustainability Conference party, WE will man table at this young people event.

e. Berryessa/Snow Mountain National Monument dedication 3/19, WE: table (no sales) together with Sanhedrin Chapter.

   f. Chapter Job Descriptions, WE: MM prepping Pipevine is not listed, should be; originally under Membership, currently split duties with MB.

**New Business**

a. Bylaws, WE: Minor inconsistencies in practice noted. Agreed ‘if not broken then don’t fix’.

   *AM1*. Website design, WE: Feedback from son. Agreed no changes in design necessary

   *AM2*. June Annual Picnic, WE: discuss inviting and celebrating past Chapter Presidents. **AN**: NP will ask JM if Patrick Ranch was paid $100 for 2015 Annual Picnic.
b. Chapter Council Meeting: San Pedro, CB: pending Chapter Council Meeting write-up.

   *AM3. 2017 Wildflower Show, JL: Sunday April 23.
   *AM4. Oroville WF Fest, JL: need new Table banner: get laminate rather than fabric in order to take tape, and add Chapter website address. Approved to purchase new banner <= $100 (WE/CB/unanimous).

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   c. Events, JL: Oroville WF Fest needs volunteers, April 02, 10-4.
   d. Field Trips, MM: Table Mtn 3/23 WE; Yahi Trail 4/09 ?; Sutter Buttes 4/16 WE/JD; Nomlaki 4/24 MM.
   e. Hospitality ‘all good’.
   f. Membership, MM: Currently 227 Chapter members.
   h. Speakers, JB: Jennifer Whipple, Yellowstone NP flora in caldera. May 04: Sonoma County revisiting historic surveys that included flora notes.
   j. Sales, NP: $95 + $5 donation.

Next Board meeting April 20, 7 pm at Janna Lathrop’s home, 1550 Springfield Drive. Adjourned 9pm.