Minutes of October 19, 2016 CNPS Mount Lassen Chapter Board Meeting
By: Ann Elliott for Jim Dempsey, Secretary

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

Called to order 7:10 pm (home of the Elliott’s). Quorum was present (5/9, then 6/9): Woody Elliott WE, Nancy Praizler NP, Jim Dempsey JD, Meryl Bond MB, Letha Albright LA, Cindy Weiner CW. Jim Bishop JB, Catie Bishop CB, and John Whittlesey JW absent. Also in attendance Marjorie McNairn MM, Janna Lathrop JL, Ann Elliott AE.

Minutes of August and September: approval delayed

Treasurer’s Report -Nancy P. Monthly report and cumulative budget as of 9/30/2016. New report format at bottom to help board identify what funds are currently available. Discussion regarding check to Herbarium which has not cleared in several months.

Old Business
- Mt. Lassen Chpt. Student Research Grants – Review Criteria & Outreach: tabled
- Gridley Library Landscaping Project - Update: tabled
- CNPS Garden Sign: “Native Plants Live Here”, Adding Chapter Logo & Distribution: tabled
- Five Complementary Annual CNPS Memberships for Outreach: Meryl
  o Chris Devine – Butte County Association of Governments, Manager
  o Melinda Teves – Altacal Neighborhood Habitat Coordinator
  o Natalie Carter – Butte Environmental Council, Exec. Director
  o Shane Romain – City of Chico Park Department
  o Nijmah Ali - Butte Community College, Biology Instructor
- Annie B’s Fund Drive solicitations. Woody reported that donations amounts have not yet been announced.
  o AN: Board volunteers will split donation list to write thank you notes.
- Home & Garden Show – Chico Silver Dollar Fair Grounds Oct. 23-24: Janna reported staffing is covered for both days.
- 2017 Wildflower Show Sun. April 23 – CARD Center in Chico:
  o AN: Woody offered to coordinate show with everyone’s help. He will locate box of resources.
  o AN: Janna has agreed to coordinated obtaining glassware/vases.
  o AN: Nancy P will submit a proposal at the Nov. board meeting to purchase books and clothing to sell.
  o Consider a used book sale/swap the day of the event only.

New Business
Motor vehicle access to Upper – Upper Bidwell Park Road – Woody reported that the City of Chico is considering reopening this road after its closure from storm damage
in 2012. It was discussed and concluded that there would be little additional impact to native plants and habitats by opening the road. The board did not feel that this was an issue that Mt. Lassen Chapter should consider further at this time.

Standing Committee Reports
- Alice Hecker Memorial Native Plant Gardens: Ann reported she will probably not use all the money budgeted, as there are no plans to prune the cedar.
- Conservation: Woody reported he will be comparing the required to the currently implemented mitigation measures for Peregrine Pt. Disc Golf Course which he will report to the Bidwell Park & Playground Commission. He also reported a win in having the Chico Planning Commission require that Walmart in Chico replace approx. 124 of 200 ineffective shade trees in its parking lot as a condition of its City permit to expand its store and build a gas station. Monitoring of Best Management Practices for the planting and maintenance will be necessary if the required 50% canopy coverage in 15 years is to be met.
- Events: Janna reported that tabling for Chico Home & Garden Show and Chico Harvest Festival would be staffed by Chapter volunteers.
- Field Trips: Vernal Pool outreach – Meriam Preserve (Hwy 32). Woody & Marjorie will work with Holly Nielsen of Calif. Open Lands to foster educational opportunities (field trip) for kids to Meriam Vernal Pool Preserve between Hwy 32 and Humboldt Rd. west of Bruce Rd.
- Hospitality: KarroLynn (no report)
- Membership: Meryl reported 216 members including 5 complimentary. AN: There are about 6 lapsed members which she will contact by email or mail.
- Newsletter / The Pipevine: Denise (no report)
- Programs: Woody reported Don Beers will present his trails design program at Bidwell Mansion VC under Special Event Permit from State Parks which Jim Dempsey as a State Park employee volunteered to host (open at 6:30 PM & close facility).
- Publicity: Cindy (no report)
- Table Sales: Proposed Purchases for Wildflower Show etc. Nancy
- Yahi Trail Maintenance: Steve & Woody brushed out to just below Bear Hole on Saturday. Plan to check out Upper Yahi Trail when possible
- Education: vacant
- Invasive Plants: vacant
- Rare Plants: vacant

Future Ex. Bd. Meeting locations: Nov. 16 7 PM, Nancy Praizler’s home, Jan. 18 7 PM – Cindy Weiner’s home.

Adjourn 8:45