

KAWO Executive Committee Minutes of February 17, 2021

Present: Alysia Babcock, Jason Ballew, Jessie Davis, Ann Fraser, Ilse Gebhard, Kathy McGoff, Noel Ocen-Gorgone, Paul Olexia, Kim Patrie, Margo Rebar, David Riggs, Neil Sikora, and Dave Wendling.

- 1) Jessie called the meeting to order at 6:05.
- 2) We approved the minutes of January, 2020.
- 3) We approved the Treasurer's report. The current balance is \$11768.
- 4) Committee Reports.
 - a) Monarchs. No report.
 - b) Publications. Since it is actually cheaper to print a flier and mail it in an envelope than to set up, print and mail a postcard, Kim recommends sending each member a copy of the flier. Jessie has extracted the members addresses and will be able to print them. Kim will arrange to have the fliers printed.
 - c) Membership. One new member signed up and there were two renewals. We received a thank you note from Friends of Kleinstuck for our donation.

Several people have reported that their membership expired, but they never received a notice from National. This seems to be because of an incorrect email address on the National web site. Members can check their email on file by logging into the Members section of the National web site.
 - d) Outreach and Education. Noel requested that any further entries for the resource list be sent to her in the next week. She will collate the list and work out a distribution plan.
 - e) Programs. Ruth is not present but Ann said that next week's Zoom meeting is all set. There will be a practice session and the link will be published in Seedlings.
 - f) Community Projects. Nothing to report.
 - g) Hospitality. Nothing to report, but Kathy asked for tips about a local business to do the banner.
 - h) Plant Sale. The committee decided to have the sale be pre-order and pre-pay only. Orders will be picked up at Peoples Coop on May 21 and 22. Dave and Alysia will put in an order to

Chad to supply plants and Wild Type to supply the ferns. We will offer a Monarch Garden starter kit for sale. The Coop will donate a coupon to be given with all orders for discount at the Coop. Kim and Jason will help Alysia with setting up an online payment system so we can move beyond accepting only paper checks.

i) Mentoring/Site Visits. No change.

j) Kalamazoo Environmental Council. No report, but Jessie will ask Sharon for an update for our next meeting.

5) Old Business

a). Jessie agreed to take on the task of monitoring the KAWO gmail account and the responsibility for cancellation notices.

b). Neil has a draft of the new Operating Guidelines. Alysia, Noel and Paul agreed to review the draft and discuss it in a meeting with Neil before distributing it to the entire committee.

6) New Business.

Alysia agreed to accept an appointment as Vice-President. The Executive Committee has the power to appoint any vacant position on the Committee. The term of appointment is until the next general election. Alysia's At-Large position would then be a vacant, but it is not necessary have all four of those positions filled. The Board voted to appoint Alysia as Vice President. Kim will announce this and the opening for an At-Large position in Seedlings, as soon as is practicable.

7) General Announcements. None.

8) Other. We agreed to change the committee meeting times to be 7:00pm.

9) Meeting adjourned at 6:58.

>>> Next Meeting: Wednesday March 17, 2021; 7 PM; Zoom Meeting

Submitted by David Riggs, Secretary