

Minutes for the Arboretum Advisory Council

8/1/99-8/2/99, Nissawa

Members present: Dorothy Johnson, Tom Kroll, Linda Marrin, Scott May, Janette Monear, and Fr. Paul Schwietz

Members absent: Gordon Bailey, Bob Ellenbecker, David Hartwell, Fr. John Kulas, Peter Olin, Ron Weinhold

Interns: Elizabeth Anderson, Kenneth Graeve

Meeting called to order 6:57pm 8/1/99.

Approval of Minutes from the meeting of 5/10/99.

A. Pending Issues

I. Student Internships

- A. Butterfly Research (Erik Burr and Lyz Anderson) Update on species diversity in each habitat. Roscoe 13 different species, Inner Campus Region 14 different species, St. John's prairie 15 different species. **(Anderson)**
- B. Bird Research (Ken Graeve) Update on birding catalog at St. John's, results to date are a total of 102 different species. **(Graeve)**

II. Other Present Projects

- A. 5 acres of Oak Savannah was added in May 1999, and contract was drawn with Paul Jackson to complete a total of 15 more acres by Summer 2000. **(Schwietz)**
- B. Almost 2 acres by the Highway 94 was restored, totaling to 5 acres of new prairie restoration since Summer 1998. This has finished the Dayton's money. **(Schwietz)**

III. Newsletter

- A. Newsletter needs to have St. John's Logo on the front cover. **(Monear)**
- B. Newsletter needs more graphics
 - 1. Tables, graphs of student research **(Marrin)**
 - 2. Use the actual paper color as one of the tone **(Kroll)**
- C. Possible Future Articles
 - 1. Use the research from the butterfly study to put together a list of most popular host plants to have in a butterfly garden
 - 2. Spotlight on Herbarium
 - a. James Hansen and Sr. Remberta
 - b. Herbarium collection
 - c. Steven McGreevy's Student Research
 - 3. Spotlight on the Arboretum
 - a. Vision and Pathway forming Fr. Paul's input into the Arboretum

- b. History of Restoration project and how it deals with Benedictine Values
 - 4. New Students at the College/University
 - a. Biorne Svenson interview (incoming first-year who decided on SJU b/c of Arboretum)
 - 5. Back side Volunteers
 - a. Whole back page of the newsletter dedicated to volunteer activities
- D. Advertising via Newsletter
 - 1. Distribute to various centers in St. Cloud (Munsinger Garden, Wild Oats)
 - 2. Have sign-up lists at free events (garden walk) to make into mailing lists
 - 3. Have contact number that readers that may have groups interested in the restoration project can arrange a tour

IV. Arboretum Monthly Activities

- A. August
 - 1. Oak Savannah Tour, August 14th 9:00am
- B. September
 - 1. Tour with the Stearns County Horticultural Society, September 20th 6:00pm
- C. October
 - 1. Fun Run, Homecoming (Saturday)
 - 2. Market 50 yr. Alum for a 50% discount on membership
 - 3. Tour at 4:00pm, followed by cider and hot dogs and free will offerings
- D. November
 - 1. Speaker
- E. December
 - 1. Christmas Concert, December 4th 4:00pm

V. Speaker Bureau

- A. Ideas
 - 1. Panel Presentation
 - 2. Co-ordinate with Student Club for split funding
 - 3. Fall Colors
 - a. Art/Painting aspect
 - b. Bio Aspect—why trees change color
 - c. Photography

VI. Vision

- A. Integrate land with institutions, necessary to reconnect the two
- B. Spirituality
 - 1. Fundraising perspective
 - 2. Education
 - 3. Dominion/Sustainability
- C. Habitat Restoration

1. Boardwalk from Inter Campus Walk to Prairie (480 ft)
 2. 38 more acres on Oak Savannah Restoration from DNR grant by summer 2000
 3. Trail through Hardwoods that is easily accessible
- D. Clear Communication between Arboretum and Monastery
- E. Prioritize a few goals, and the rest of goals remain on a 'wish list'

VII. Education

- A. University Arboretum Club
- B. Teachers and Professors need to know site to enable them to integrate property into their lesson plans
- C. Add information into the Keck grant proposal

VIII. University of Minnesota Executive Summary

- A. Key objective and strategies to create St. John's 5 year plan from each Committee
 1. Steps to achieve
 2. Target Dates
 3. Estimated Costs
 - a. What, Who, and When
- B. Bullets (Objectives)
 1. Education
 - a. SJP, SJU/CSB, Public, Curriculum aspects
 2. Research
 - a. SJP, SJU/CSB Students, SJU/CSB Professors
 3. Lands
 - a. Capital improvements
 - b. Habitat restoration
 - c. Sustainable forestry
 - d. Buffer zone/Surrounding land
 4. Infrastructure
 - a. Organizational Framework
 - b. Volunteer co-ordination
 - c. What corporate partners can be enlisted
 - d. Relationship to St. John's University
 - e. Relationship to St. John's Abbey
 5. Image and Identity
 - a. An integral part of the St. John's community and not a competing corporation

IX. Committee Reports

- A. Fundraising & PR Committee
 1. Goals for 2000
 - a. Administrative work
 - i. Strategic plan—facilitation, co-ordination and draft writing with each committee

