

MDS Board Meeting 12Feb2019

- Angela began the meeting at 6:40pm
- Members in attendance were:
 - Curt Oien, Mitch Haag, Leah Darst, Ami Thompson, Cathy Perkins, Jeff Fischer, Angela Isackson, Brianna Foster, and Katherine Dickerson
- **Review Agenda:** There was no formal review of the Agenda
- **Approve Past Meeting Minutes:** There were no past meeting minutes to approve.
- **Treasurer Report:** There was no Treasurers Report to approve
- Perk reported that she will meet with tax preparer (John Peterson) to talk about MDS taxes. This will be for one hour and will be free.
- **Remembering Arne:**
 - Several Ideas were discussed on how the MDS could honor Arnie.
 - Sponsor a tree planting
 - Sponsor a scholarship kit that we could award to a Master Naturalist, in honor of Arnie's commitment to both groups.
 - Also discussed who might take care of changing the banners on the Facebook page. Terry Carr was suggested as a possible replacement.
- **Grant Updates :**
 - Database (Ami & Mitch) – Mitch reported that they are making good time processing specimens
 - It was also that there should be a sign up sheet so that volunteer hours can be tracked for the grant
 - Specimen Storage (Research Committee)- According to Curt there are about 6000 specimens in the collection. Specimen storage has been ramping up and is now up to 64 complete. The hope is once it gets going we can process 150 to 200 specimens per week.
 - Mitch asked for an invoice for materials for the drawers.
 - It was suggested that the process be documented
 - Curt has put out bids with several printers to print 10,000 3x5 cards
- **MDS Annual Membership Meeting:**
 - Angela did a recap of profits and costs of the event.
 - Leah demonstrated some of the acrylic specimens that she has made and requested to get some larger molds
 - Curt thought that some of the activities were too difficult
 - There was discussions about moving the location of next year's meeting, since Ron will no longer be director at Warner, and about having a silent auction again
- **President and Vice President:**
 - It was discussed and decided without a motion or vote that the presidential election would be done on line and the VP election would happen at the March meeting.
 - Several candidates for president were discussed.

- Curt requested time to decide if he would run so it was decided, without motion or a vote to open up nominations online until February 26.
- Angela volunteered to post an invitation to those who want to run on Facebook and volunteered to run the election online.
- **Strategic Planning:**
 - Angela informed the board that she had been speaking with a strategic planner who would do the job for free.
 - It was discussed who should meet with the strategic planner but no motion or vote was taken on the matter.
- **Wrap-up & Additional Comments:**
 - Jeff talked about getting us set up with Google G suite
- **Adjournment:**
 - Ami made a motion in adjourn, seconded by Jeff, vote all aye no nay's