

Treasurer's Report

Our intrepid President, Rae Charlton, continued to act as temporary treasurer the first several months of 2017, paying bills, depositing checks, and sending our financial activity data to Riversend Bookkeeping to generate our financial reports. After that, Lexie de Fremery took over, and we continued to use the bookkeeping service for the monthly reports and payroll processing and required reports.

The June Arbor Day celebration was a success, featuring sales of baked goods and, of course, plants from Cedar Mountain Perennials.

Two fundraisers exceeded all budgetary expectations: our second annual Plant Your Refund Day at Baxter's on Cedar in April, and the October Sip N Shop sponsored by the Pend D'Oreille Winery. These cooperative ventures continue to be a win-win for everyone.

KNPS also received over \$800 in donations throughout the year, surpassing the \$500 budgeted. Other income came from holiday card sales, note card sales, and a payment from Cascade Relays which sponsors the Spokane to Sandpoint relay race. Six KNPS members volunteered to help during the race. This activity was a great opportunity to engage with the public and get paid for it, and KNPS hopes to participate again in 2017.

Non arboretum expenses came in well under budget. Arboretum employee expense was a bit higher than budgeted, as the hourly wage was increased to \$12 from \$10. Other Arboretum expenses averaged out to be within the budget.

Overall, income exceeded expenses, and KNPS finished the year approximately \$100 ahead of the budget.

Sales of "Landscaping with Native Plants in the Idaho Panhandle" continued to be robust in 2016. Though the fund was in the hole at the beginning of the year (from a high inventory after a printing), it was solid at over \$1600 at year end.

The KNPS bank account balance is equally solid at December 31 at \$9,161. The two investment accounts performed well, increasing in value from the prior year: General fund -- \$6,592 from \$6,634; and Arboretum fund -- \$7,693 from \$7,118.

Lexie de Fremery
KNPS Treasurer