



**Texas Master Naturalist Brazos Valley Chapter  
Holiday Social Meeting Agenda for December 10, 2016  
Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History**

**I. Old Business**

None

**II. New Business**

None

**III. Officer and Committee Reports**

**A.** President – Bruce Neville –

**B.** Vice President – Donell Frank – Received a phone call last night from Deborah Cowman asking if our meeting had been cancelled this month because they had the room all set up and she had her student workers there as well. She also said one TMN person showed up too because they didn't know thought we still had the meeting or they weren't sure. So I felt really bad and apologized numerous times. I asked her and her husband to come to the Christmas party but she graciously declined because she said she was extremely busy. I would like to propose we get her a little gift to show our appreciation for letting us use the museum for our meetings. Maybe a gift certificate to a nice restaurant or a bottle of wine maybe. I'm not sure, but I think this may have been my responsibility to tell her that we don't have a meeting in December. I need to tell her we are not going to have one in January either. If we all agree to get her something I will volunteer to do it as soon as you give the okay and how much can be spent.

**C.** Secretary- Amanda Booth – sign in; approve November 10 minutes

**D.** Treasurer- Amanda Chau – Financial Report: As of today, 12/03/2016, we have a total of \$6075.70 in our account and 56 members who paid their 2016 membership dues.

Financial Examination Committee Report/Records: In accordance to our By-laws, Article IX C, I, the Treasurer, presented the Chapter's 2016 financial report and records from Jan to mid-Nov to the Financial Examination Committee to examine. The Financial Examination Committee included Vice President Donell Frank, Secretary Amanda Booth, and New Class Director Sean Wall. We met on 11/17/2016 and they audited and approved the financial report/records (see attached).

This report included FY2016 approved budget vs actual spending (see p. 1) and all the committee spending (see p. 2 to 4). The report is signed and initialed by the Financial Examination Committee and the Treasurer. I would like to present this approved financial report/records for the Board to approve at our Christmas party next Saturday, 12/10.

Proposed Due Increase in 2017: President Bruce notified our general membership via email on 11/10/2016 regarding the proposed increase in the annual dues from \$15 to \$25 per person. This proposal will be brought before the Voting Members present at the January 2017 chapter meeting on 12 January 2017.

**E. Committees**

1. Immediate Past President, Olivia Ash –
2. Membership – Betty Vermeire, Chair –
  - A. Archivist-Historian, vacant –
  - B. Data Manager, Betty Vermeire -

**F. Advanced Training – Laura Biddle, Chair –**

**G. Volunteer Service Projects – Steve Simcik, Chair –**

**H. Host – Deb Wilson, Chair –** 1. Organized and hosted the refreshments for the last training class on November 15, 2016.

2. Sent invitation reminders regarding holiday party and meeting on December 10th.

Donell Frank's offer of her office location for the event was greatly appreciated.

Olivia and Elrey Ash donated handmade 11 table decorations that were used for silent auction items and provided numerous door prizes. \$178 in donations was earned for our chapter.

Amanda Chau, Cheryl Lewis, Olivia and Elrey Ash, Bruce Neville, and Donell and Juan Frank helped with set up. Many stayed to help clean up.

Party paper supplies were donated by Deb Wilson.

Between 38 and 40 members and friends attended.

**I. Communication and Outreach – vacant –**

1. Webmaster – Carol Henrichs –

**J. New Class Training – Mary Dabney Wilson, Chair –**

**K. New Class Representative, Sean Wall –**

**L. Agrilife Advisor, Dusty Tittle –**

**M. Advisor, Heather Prestridge –**

**N. Program, Donell Frank –**

1. Youth Programs, vacant –
2. Field Trip Coordinator, vacant -

**IV. Announcements**

**Upcoming Programs Dates/Calendar Items**

**1. TMN Winter/Spring Meeting Schedule:** (Second Thursdays at 6:30 PM, BVMNH)

January 12, February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11

**2. Monthly Meeting speakers** (each monthly meeting counts for one hour of AT credit)

January 12 - Business meeting - pass out certification pins, sign up for committees, etc.

February 9 – VMS workshop

March 9 –

April 13 –

May 11 -

**3. Garden project at the City of College Station Community Services bldg** (1207 Texas Avenue.) Join Cheryl Lewis **on a Saturday** that works for you. 571-6448

**4. Brazos County Health Department looking for committed volunteers to host a Mosquito Ovitrap in their yard for a long term baseline study of Aedes mosquitoes in BCS** (V approved)

- 5. Stream Team Project.** If you already completed Stream Team water sampling trainings and are interested to help, please contact the team leader directly. If you did not have the trainings, you are welcome to help out. (V approved)
- Lick Creek*- Donell Frank ([donellfrank@tdi-bi.com](mailto:donellfrank@tdi-bi.com))- 1/14, Saturday, 8:00 am
- Wolf Pen Creek Tributary*- Steve Simcik ([steve.simcik@blinn.edu](mailto:steve.simcik@blinn.edu))- 1/14, Saturday, 9:00 am
- Bee Creek at Brison Park*- Jackie Girouard ([jackiegir@gmail.com](mailto:jackiegir@gmail.com))- 1/15, Sunday, 9:00 am
- Bee Creek near College Station Cemetery*- Kim Roesse ([kimir77845@yahoo.com](mailto:kimir77845@yahoo.com))- 1/15, Sunday, 4:00 pm
- 6. Texas Wildlife Association's L.A.N.D.S. Volunteer Training**, January 28, Crosby, TX, 9am-4 pm (AT approved)
- 7. TWA's Spring 2017 classroom programs** (AT approved)