



Texas Master Naturalist Brazos Valley Chapter
Meeting Minutes for February 12, 2015
Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History

Attendance: Elrey Ash, Olivia Ash, Laura Biddle, Melissa Brown, Dwight Bohlmeier, Amanda Chau, Mike Conner, Sarah Laughlin, Bruce Neville, Amanda Schwede, Betty Vermiere, student.

Meeting was brought to order by Sarah Laughlin at 5:30 PM.

I. Officer and Committee Reports

- A. President - Sarah Laughlin – Bylaws-changes, 30 days or by a month, next meeting or electronically for vote.
- B. Secretary- Amanda Schwede - Sign in; approval of January 2015 meeting minutes
- C. Treasurer- Amanda Chau – revised budget for 2015 (attached); still collecting membership dues; will add back estimate for dues payments and new member training; write up budget for new member training with estimates since it's based on number of trainees and subtract speaker fees and TMN costs (pins, printing, shirts, name tags, etc.) Bruce will send Dwight spreadsheet of per person cost estimate. 12 or 13 trainees to break even. Betty asked if we were going to raise the tuition. Break even to cover expenses plus a little extra. Ultimately will add membership but nothing else as revenue. Olivia moved to approved budget with changes. Amanda will send to exec board for last look before she posts it to the webpage. Bruce seconded.
- D. Committees
 - 1. Outreach – Olivia Ash, Chair – Outreach budget for brochures, easels, brochure boxes, supplies we should budget for. Estimate \$250 budget for outreach. Earth Day is next big event. Traditionally had two tables-one in adult area and one in kid zone. Olivia will send out via email. May try a Doodle Poll to schedule people for volunteering at events. Olivia wants to include invasives and info about how prospective volunteers can help, concentrate on issues.
 - 2. Membership – Betty Vermeire, Chair – submit your January 2015 hours. Reported 2014 hours and certifications.
 - 3. Volunteer Services – Melissa Brown, Chair – Only two people on committee. Up to an hour and a half of volunteer time can be approved for first and last new member trainings.
 - 4. Host/Social – Olivia Ash (temp), Chair – Will send a request via email to sign up for food.

II. New Business

- A. Dwight Bohlmeier-going to do Big Event again like last year at Lick Creek Park. 20 students. March 28. Going to redo two areas from last year and concentrate on honey suckle at front of park. Will need volunteers. Going to get FOLP and RBAS to volunteer as well. Monique Reed will be there.
- B. Dwight formally invited BVTMN to come out to Salter Farm and field trips. He also brought calendars.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM by Amanda Chau.