



Texas Master Naturalist Brazos Valley Chapter Meeting Minutes for September 11, 2014 Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History

Attendance: Elrey Ash, Olivia Ash, Jim Balthrop, Amanda Chau, Joyce Conner, Sarah Laughlin, Cheryl Lewis, Bruce Neville, Amanda Schwede, Steve Simcik, Betty Vermiere

Sarah started meeting at 5:38 PM.

I. Officer and Committee Reports

- A. President - Sarah Laughlin –** Millican Farmers Market September 21st. Pumpkin Palooza October 26th conflicts with state meeting. Booneville Days beginning of October-Olivia and Joyce already have a few volunteers and will have organizational meeting during next week's Tuesday class meeting. Joyce will send email requesting volunteers. Olivia will contact Mary Ann Cusimano tomorrow to reserve space under the tent. October 18th Household Hazardous Waste coincides with a training field trip. October 17th through 19th Brazos Valley Expo-will skip this year due to time commitment and proximity to event.
- B. Vice President - Bruce Neville –**
- C. Secretary- Amanda Schwede -** Sign in; approval of August 2014 meeting minutes
- D. Treasurer- Amanda Chau –** \$3576.15 in account and 47 active members
- E. Committees**
 - 1. Outreach – Joyce Conner and Cheryl Lewis, Co-Chairs –
 - 2. Membership – Betty Vermeire, Chair – submit your August hours
 - 3. Advanced Training –Joyce Conner, Chair –
 - 4. Volunteer Service Project – Mike Conner, Chair –
 - 5. Host/Social – Melissa Kamerbeek and Jim Balthrop, Co-Chairs –
 - 6. Historian – TBD, Chair – Betty talked to the Anding's and Jo Anne Bates about history since year one. Dwight will get the 2008 roster to Betty.
 - 7. Web – Mike Conner, Chair –
 - 8. Program – Bruce Neville, Chair –
 - 9. New Member Training – Olivia Ash, Chair – BVMNH will not be available for next week's meeting. Will have it at the BRTC. Will email general membership and new class with location change September 16th. Betty said 48 new contacts expressed interest in the training class from last year's class to the current one. Betty, Bruce, and Mike have created and passed around drafts of a new training manual and are looking for our corrections and sections. Based on the Elm Fork Chapter's presentation Bruce and Betty went to at last year's state meeting. 17 in new class and 18 if RBAS attendee that talked to Betty adds. Olivia said eight gift cards need to be purchased for speakers and Amanda C. agreed to get them. Don't need them until after next week's meeting.

II. New Business

- A.** Joyce Conner-Dec 5 holiday party discussion-Friday and an evening, 5 to 10 PM includes set-up and take down, works well because the UU Church on Wellborn Road (central location and affordable). ~\$53 facility fee, wine okay. Brought application and received check from treasurer. Joyce suggested a donation or something nice for lower price of facility. Bruce suggested checking with TMN laws to verify a donation to a church is okay. Olivia moved to approve date and location.

Joyce Conner moved to close. Amanda C. seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:21 PM.