Texas Master Naturalist

El Camino Real Chapter

March 14, 2013

Monthly Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Katherine Bedrich at 6:15 pm

Those in attendance were:  Phyllis Shuffield, John Pruett, Joyce Dalley, Chuck Lundberg, Genie Lundberg, Sandra Dworaczyk, Debbi Harris, Janice Johnson, Pamela Neeley, Don Travis, Cindy Travis, Pat Holley, Linda Jo Conn, Katherine Bedrich, Paula Engelhardt, and Ann Collins.

**Vice President:**Donna Lewis

In Donna's absence Katherine reported that there will be no meeting in April because of the Nature Festival.  The next meeting will be held at Sandra's on May 9, 2013 at 5:00pm.  Katherine thanked the Travis' for hosting the meeting and providing food.

**Secretary:**  Ann Collins

Ann reported that the minutes were sent to Don and no corrections were needed.  Sandra made a motion that the minutes be accepted.  The motion was seconded by Pat.  Minutes were approved.

A thank you card was sent to Crown Garden Club for their $200.00 donation to the Milano Junction Memorial Garden / Butterfly garden.

A sympathy card will be sent to the Central Texas Master Naturalists in memory of Sydney Valon.

A get well card will be sent to Ed Voss, a former member of ECRMN.  The address will be obtained from Joyce Dalley.

**Treasurer:**  Cindy Bolch

The treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

**Nature Stories:**  Many stories were shared by the membership.

Ann was asked to ask Betty Vermier if she would present a program about documenting and collecting DORs for the May meeting.

**Board Chairs: 2012-2013**

**Advanced Training and Volunteer Events:**Phyllis Shuffield

Phyllis thanked those who had been helping her in her absence.

There will be an AT event May 17 at Chuck and Genie Lundberg's.

**Membership:**  Debbi Harris

Please see attachment for Debbi's report.

Genie Lundberg received her Re-certification pin for 2012

Katherine Bedrich received her Certification pin for 2013

Dorothy Mayer received her Certification pin for 2013

Lucy Coward received her 1,000 hour pin

Debbi is working with Flo Oxley on a program in May.  Possibly "Sex in the Garden" and "Mycology is Better than Yours".

**Communications:**Don Travis

The Newsletter booklets for 2011 and 2012 are available for a $5.00 donation.

The booklets will be used as gifts for speakers and exhibitors

The current newsletter is about finished and ready for publication.

Six nature videos have been purchased and will be given to the Cameron Noon Lions Club for their annual auction.  Notice for date will be sent via email.

**Historian:**Barb Cromwell

No report

**Host:**  Cindy McDaniels

No report

**Training Class:**Dorothy Mayer

No report

**Projects and Announcements**

**Bring Back the Monarchs to Texas - Milano:**  Debbi Harris & Sandra Dworaczyk

Debbi reported that good progress is being made.

Milkweed, two species, hopefully will be available for planting by April 1.  72 plants each of two species have been ordered.

Pass along plants have been promised.  They include Gregg's Blue Mist Flower, Salvia Coccinea, Zinnia Seeds, Cow pen Daisy, and seeds from Native Seeds have been ordered.

Additional footage for the garden is currently being sought by Sandra who has written to the building owners for permission to extend the plot.

April 3 there will be an AT event on Pollination by Katherine Bedrich at the Community Center in Milano at 12:45pm.

**Nature of Milam County:**Katherine Bedrich

Debbi will be hosting the group on March 25 at 1:30pm at the Milano Community Center.  There will be a "Walk About" and a lecture on pressing plant specimens.  If you would like to have a plant press the boards are available for $4.00.  If you would like the press with straps they are available for $12.00.  Contact Katherine to place an order.

Flat Bird feeders are available for a $5.00 donation.  Cedar for construction was donated by Phyllis and Donald Shuffield.

Dog and cat food bags were also requested for recycling into tote bags.

**Adopt-A-Highway:**Sandra Dworaczyk

The project is still in discussion.  Chip Colley is a possible chair.

**Apple Tree:**Jan Wise's Owls

Don Travis presented a very entertaining video of Jan's program.

At 7:40  Katherine asked for a motion to adjourn.  Paula motioned and it was seconded by Pamela.  Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Collins, Secretary