

ECRTMN Monthly Meeting

April 11, 2024 5:30 p.m.

All Saints Episcopal Church

- I. Welcome
 - A. Welcome – potluck theme is fish/seafood
 - B. Guests: Terri and Vernon Rickey and Austin Knight
 - C. Speaker – TPWD Biologist Timothy Siegmund on restoring Post Oak Savannah habitats.

- II. President's report
 - A. It's Volunteer Month. Thank you for all your volunteer time.
 - a. Linda Jo Conn has already put in 388 hours this year.
 - b. All of us have contributed 1,277.5 volunteer hours and 252 Advanced Training hours.
 - c. Our 47 active members have accrued 65,349 hours, and all members active and inactive combined have 91,739 hours.

- III. Board members and directors' review
 - A. Vice President Liz Lewis
 - a. Not present
 - b. Next speaker is Mike Mitchell

 - B. Treasurer Mike Conner
 - a. Not present
 - b. Treasury has \$6808.19

 - C. Secretary Sue Ann Kendall
 - a. Sandra Dworaczyk moved to approve the minutes from March, Victoria St. Everett seconded. The motion passed.
 - b. Thanks to all the bloggers this month. We got many hits thanks to the fame of Eric Neubauer.

 - D. Michelle Lopez, Communications
 - a. New password SkunksAreSo Sweet

 - E. Patricia Coombs, Membership
 - a. Connie Anderle 250 hours milestone.

- b. Patricia Coombs, Catherine Johnson, and Sue Ann Kendall recertified for 2024.

F. Pamela Neeley, AT/VS manager

- a. Don't forget the City Nature Challenge on iNaturalist at the end of the month.

G. Alan Rudd, Student Trainer

- a. He is collecting names and numbers of potential students, three of whom were in attendance.

H. Linda Jo Conn, state liaison

- a. WOW special award: Catherine Johnson for recording the first bald eagle nest in the county.
- b. July 2023: Dorothy Mayer found a moth (forgot what kind)
- c. March 2024: Michelle Lopez for yanking bastard cabbage
- d. April 2024: Eric Neubauer for his contributions to science by identifying a new wolf spider species.
- e. Next Thursday there will be iNaturalist lessons from the Brazos Valley chapter at Lick Creek Park in Bryan.
- f. The last grass class will be next Tuesday. Alan will unlock the door.

I. Linda Burgess, Publicity

- a. She is sending announcements to the Rockdale and Cameron newspapers, as well as the Chambers of Commerce.
- b. You can return eclipse glasses to her, and she will get them donated.

J. Ellen Luckey, Hostess

- a. Next month is salads for the theme.
- b. She mentioned needing donations of supplies, and it was suggested that she buy some and get reimbursed, since we have funds.

K. Janice Johnson, Weekly Notifications

- a. This week's announcements came early.

IV. Old business

- a. Bat monitoring information will be coming soon.

V. New business

- a. 10 am next Tuesday will be a meeting at Bird and Bee Farm to start plans for the new bird viewing area.

b. Ideas for names are being accepted.

VI. Motion to adjourn: Alan Rudd

AT: 1 hour

VT .75 for meeting

VT: 1 hour hospitality for bringing food

Submitted by Sue Ann Kendall, Chapter Secretary

