

# **Texas Master Naturalist – El Camino Real Chapter**

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

**July 8, 2025 11:30 a.m.**

### **All Saints Episcopal Church**

- I. Call to order – bring your own lunch – Members in attendance were Carolyn Henderson, Liz Lewis, Debra Sorenson, Ellen Luckey, Alan Rudd, Patricia Coombs, Pamela Neeley and Linda Jo Conn. Voting by proxy were Michelle Lopez and Sue Ann Kendall.
- II. Discuss money – Debi reported balance of \$6,954 and change.
  - A. Sponsorship donation to TMN for annual meeting – suggest \$300 Patsy Coombs moved to approve. Pamela Neeley seconded. Unanimous approval.
  - B. Donate \$400 to All Saints for use of their facilities
    1. Regular meetings
    2. Board meetings
    3. Seed prep meetings
    4. Continued storage – could be called invaluable by other groups  
Alan Rudd moved to approve. Patsy Coombs seconded. Unanimous approval.
  - C. Reimburse \$130 to Catherine Johnson for purchase of heavy duty weed fabric. She'd like to pick fewer weeds and work on growth more. Donate \$100 to Gene/Cindy Rek for use of water. He hasn't asked for it, but Catherine says it's deserved. He's also supplying water to the bird watching area for the birds. and bees. These two items were voted on separately at the request of Treasurer Debi Sorenson. The \$130 reimbursement for Catherine was – Patsy moved to approve it, Alan seconded. All voted in favor. On the \$100 donation to the Reks – Patsy moved to approve. Ellen Luckey seconded. All voted to approve it.  
Discussion of the Wildscape project noted hiring of help to fight back the weeds and lay the fabric. Also plan to lay gravel on top of the weed prevention plastic in some areas. More expenses expected.
  - D. Buy 1,000 updated wildflower brochures for \$150 Pamela moved to approve. Patsy seconded. All voted in favor.

- E. Buy 1,000 copies of bird list for Wild Wings for \$100. There could be an added charge to this for being two-sided. Patsy moved to approve. Debi seconded. All voted in favor.

- III. Report from new officer recruitment committee chair Debra Sorenson – Debi reported that at least two people have been nominated. Waiting for acceptance by first nominees. Meeting this Thursday before regular meeting to discuss.
- IV. Other business – many topics discussed. Plans to get last two new trainees all their hours for initial certification. Carolyn thanked our two regular donors, who wish to remain anonymous so far, for allowing us to fund all these projects. Dues from everyone is also important. Members discussed upcoming efforts to raise funds. A few in the works.

Discussed our mini Wildscape at the church. Plans to try to beat the “Tree of Heaven (or hell)”. And the persimmons that have the other half of it.

All agreed to give ECRTMN Friends pins to Linda Burgess’s granddaughter for lots of help at the event on July 4<sup>th</sup>, and Gene and Cindy Rek’s granddaughter for lots of help at the Wildscape.

- V. Adjourn

Due to an increased change in the cost of the wildflower brochures and bird list brochures, a revote was taken to approve the actual costs. It was approved by all who voted to pay \$278 for wildflower brochures and \$153 for the bird lists. The vote was taken by email on July 9, 2025.