

**LRMN Board Meeting
Thursday, May 9, 2019
Agrilife Office**

Officers present: Sharon Lamoreaux, Lori Horne, Joanie Kochanek and Laura Clark

Committee Members: None **Members:** None

Advisor: None

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by President Sharon Lamoreaux.

Treasurer, Joanie Kochanek, reported a balance of \$4,891.07 at the end of March and \$4,552.96 at the end of April. The Financial Audit will be conducted at the next Board meeting.

Old Business:

Training Classes: Sharon reported that it looks like most students will have no problem getting their 40 hours. A previous proposal discussed to pay Martin Dies Jr., State Park for building use during the class period was dropped for now. We will continue to do more Facelift projects for them. Lori will let us know when new projects come up. She will check on whether MDJSP wants their sign painted.

Graduation for students will be held June 18 at the Martin Dies Dining Hall. We will start at 5 with free time until 6 that could include hiking and paddling while members prepare food. A slide show will be prepared for presentation. Kathryn Bowie will print the certificates. Door prizes/gift bags will be prepared for students. Lori will order pins.

Sandy Creek Project: Laura reported that a project had been created on iNaturalist to inventory species and one exploratory trip had been made. Several more are planned. She has touched base with Tom Hart and his forester, Mr. Townsend, both about visiting the property. Gibran with the National Park Service in Austin wants to explore, and Sonnia Hill, a botanist, has offered to help with the inventory.

Sylvia Holmes Transfer: Laura reported that we only need an email or letter from her current chapter stating that she is in good standing and then she will submit a help desk ticket to VMS to make the transfer. Sharon will email Timy to ask about it.

New Business:

Communication: Sharon will continue to send class notices and agendas until the class is over. Afterwards, Laura, as Secretary, will send those out, as well as notices of events placed on our calendar. She will use the LRMN gmail account rather than her personal account. Lori will continue to share items of interest that she receives. Joanie will continue sending thank you cards and will begin sending sympathy cards.

Invasives Class, May 10: Joanie will collect the \$10 fees, deposit them to our chapter account, and write a check to A&M. She will also bring the wifi hotspot, plates and cups. Lori and Laura will bring some refreshments. All officers were invited to bring specimens of invasives. Lori made a motion for us to give a \$100 donation to the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. The motion was seconded, and approved unanimously.

Pat Chance Contact: Ms. Chance has contacted the Agrilife office several times inviting folks to bird watch or conduct similar activities at her property. Sharon will contact her to follow up.

Longleaf Pine Restoration Partner: Lori submitted information following their request, advising them of activities we could do to help them. She is waiting to hear back from them.

E.O. Siecke Field Trip, May 25th: The field trip is planned for 9 to 2 with everyone bringing a picnic lunch. We will walk the trail that is planned for signage. A scouting trip was scheduled for May 22 from 9 to 12. Laura will email Ben Plunkett to let him know about the scouting trip, and reconfirm that the trail will be cleared and marked by that date.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Clark, Secretary