

**LRMN Board Meeting
Thursday, October 3, 2019
Agrilife Office**

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

Members: Fred & Elke Lyons, Richard Peters, Mary Hamilton, Jerry Clark, Brenda Marshall

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by President Sharon Lamoreaux.

Treasurer's Report: Joanie Kochanek, Treasurer, reported expenses for September which were door prize reimbursements to officers, and \$115 to Mike Howlett for travel and door prize purchases. The Master Gardeners gave us \$50 towards Mr. Howlett's expenses, and Sandy Brent has paid her 2020 dues. The balance as of 9/10, which doesn't include the \$60 for deposit, was \$3394.00.

Old Business:

Upcoming Meeting Programs: October 8 will be Dr. Hans Landel's Invasives class. It will be a full three hours, so we need to let folks know to be on time. Laura will bring a wifi hotspot. Lori will coordinate with Dr. Landel. We agreed to make a \$100 donation to the Ladybird Wildflower Center where Dr. Landel works. Sharon will be bringing a cake with candles to celebrate our 8 year anniversary, and we will receive nominations for next year's officers. The November 12 meeting will be Ranger Amy with Outreach stations. Fred Lyons has been working with her on that.

E.O. Siecke Signage Project: Laura Clark reported that Ben Plunkett had sent out proofs of signs and she had sent him corrections. She also reminded him that James Pulliam had volunteered to get his Eagle Scout troop to help and supplied him again with the contact info.

Saddle/Paddle: Volunteers are all lined up and Brenda Marshall will be paddling.

Trash off Contest: Laura will submit info on the Rayburn Dam cleanup as an event.

Logo Contest: Four submissions have been received. They will be considered at the November meeting.

Butterfly Festival Booth - Oct. 19, Booth #60: Sharon demonstrated butterfly rings we can make in addition to the bracelets for a kids activity. A Volunteer sign up sheet will be available at the October meeting. Laura will get her pictures to Don to help decorate the booth.

Farmer's Market Booth: Richard showed us the Mexican Freetail bat mask the kids will be able to color at the Oct. 26th booth. Joanie will bring black yarn, 4 boxes of crayons and safety scissors for the kids to use.

Long Leaf Planting - Nov. 16, Zavalla: Lori has several RSVPs and will send folks info on how to get to the Ranger Station in Zavalla. We will meet up there, receive supplies, and break up into two teams with different destinations.

New Business:

Election of Officers for 2020: Sharon Lamoreaux has been nominated for a second term as President. Lori Horne is stepping down as Vice-President, and Richard Peters has been nominated. Laura Clark is stepping down as Secretary, and Brenda Marshall has been nominated. Joanie Kochanek would like for others to be nominated as Treasurer, but is willing to serve again if no one else steps up. Additional nominations can continue to be made and the election will be at the November meeting.

Melissa Anderson Email: Laura Clark will review the email and let Sharon know whether we need to reply regarding the Texas Water Specialist Certification Verification.

Mission Delores (San Augustine) service project (Amanda Haralson): This is a new service opportunity. They need someone to tell them which plants should be kept and which ones removed, and then volunteers to do that work. Laura Clark volunteered to help them identify which plants to keep or get rid of.

Recycling Contest/Initiative: Brenda Marshall suggested that we have a recycling contest after the trashoff contest ends. Laura said that Lufkin accepts all kinds of recycling, including glass, and that perhaps we could designate days for everyone to bring in what they had accumulated and get some volunteers to receive and haul it to Lufkin. Lori said that she was taking over the Keep Jasper Beautiful program from Brent Meaux and that an initiative like this could be a part of that program. She would report to them the amounts we recycle.

The next board meeting will be on November 7, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Clark, Secretary