

Prairie Oaks Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist Program

Chapter Meeting Minutes

July 21st, 2022

1. The meeting was called to order by President Katie Moses at 6:01 pm.
2. The May business meeting minutes were approved with corrections.
3. Officer Reports:
 - a. Treasurer (James)- For June, the beginning balance was \$6,937.38 with an ending balance of \$6,945.53. The balance will begin going down in the next few months with the events that we are going to have.
 - b. Secretary (Monica)- I am still working on the google photos and the login sheets. Going to get in touch with Karen to assist with updating chapter documents.
 - c. Vice President (Dayna)-
 - i. On August 6th there will be a Bird Walk at the Acton Nature Center led by Dr. Teels. Meet at 7:00 am at 6900 Smoky Hill Ct. Granbury, TX. It will end around 9:30 but you do not have to stay the whole time. PLEASE BRING WATER, snacks, bug spray, and sunscreen.
 - ii. On December 8th, we will be celebrating the 5 years that we have been a chapter. Please contact Dayna Inbody if you would like to get involved. We need chapter photos to be submitted as well as volunteers to help plan the event.
 - iii. Volunteers are needed to help with programs at Acton Nature Center for homeschool kids. They need juniper branches to make walking sticks for the participants.
 - iv. The chapter hike at Mineral Wells State Park is September 24th. Meet at 9:00am at the Red Waterfront Trail head. Bring lots of water, sunscreen, and good hiking shoes.
 - d. President (Katie) -
 - i. Chapter T-shirts are still pending as some of the sizes are not available at the moment. Prices will be \$12-\$15.
 - ii. The Annual State Meeting will be held in October. The sign-in information is on the Texas Master Naturalist website. Make sure to register early so you can get the classes you want before they fill up.
4. Director/Chair Reports:
 - a. New Training Class (Lynn)- No Report
 - b. Communications (Bill)- No Report
 - c. Advanced Training (Colton)- No Report
 - d. Volunteer (Stephanie)- Bricks are being sorted and cleaned for The Ditch project at MTGCD. Stephanie will let us know about upcoming workdays.
 - e. Membership (Barbara)- Year to date certifications and milestones were recognized. Gail Bradshaw has completed 1,000 hours; Peggy Tolboom, Linda Wood, and Lynn Wood have completed 500 hours; Janet Dawson, Thresia Derrick, Stephanie Keith, Velda Tiblets and Kirsten Wunrow have achieved their initial certification; Bill Hopkins, Dayna Inbody, Katie Moses, Marsha Stephens,

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Peggy Tolboom, Linda Wood, and Lynn Wood have recertified this year. This year to date our chapter has logged 1,694 volunteer hours and 395 advanced training hours.

- f. New Training Class Representative (Matt)- No Report
- 5. Committee Reports:
 - a. Public Outreach (Linda)- Upcoming outreach opportunities include Dublin Library event on 7/30/22, and Nature Fest on October 8th.
 - b. Direct Outreach/Education (Gail)- The Comanche Pow Wow is September 24th -25th and we need volunteers.
 - c. Nature Center (Meghan)- Katie shared that the Nature Center workday will be July 23rd at 735 E. Long Street. Bring water, bug spray and gardening tools. Marsha will be present at the workday and said that grass and weeds will need to be pulled from the tree rings.
- 6. Announcements:
 - a. Madison Gover with Dinosaur Valley State Park was present and shared information about an upcoming Bioblitz to document the species found in a newly acquired portion of the park. Contact Madison.gover@tpwd.texas.gov if you would like to participate.
 - b. Lake Mineral Wells State Park Pollinator Garden Workday- Next workday will be August 20th from 9:00 am – 11:00 am. Bring water and gardening tools.
 - c. Next meeting - Thursday August 18th

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm