

Prairie Oaks Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist Program

Chapter Meeting Minutes

May 19th, 2022

1. The meeting was called to order by President Katie Moses at 6:00 pm.
2. The minutes from the March Business meeting were approved.
3. Officer Reports:
 - a. Treasurer (James)- At the end of April we had \$7,210.45. Still working on setting up the PayPal account to allow for online payments.
 - b. Secretary (Monica)- No Report.
 - c. Vice President (Dayna)- Thank you to Lance and his wife for hosting the Wildflower Walk last Saturday. There will be a Nature Walk June 4th at Proctor Lake, led by Kyle Watter. Meet in the parking lot at High Point. Email Dayna if you want to participate. There will also be a Mothing event the night of June 4th at Lance Trinqué's property.
 - d. President (Katie)- The chapter google photos account has been set up. If you have photos, email them to the chapter email. The Master Naturalist that went to space will be doing the TMN Tuesday in June. We are currently taking orders for Chapter T-shirts. They will be \$12-\$15 and the exact price will be given once the final order is placed.
4. Director/Chair Reports
 - a. New Class Training (Lynn)- All 13 of the community member trainees have completed their initial training hours and the class has logged over 200 volunteer hours so far. Linda recognized the new pledges: Velda Tiblets, Thesia Derrick, Jason Moden, Jan Rogers, Kathy Weston, Shevawn Romine, David Wade, Joe Wallace, Janet Dawson, and Nancy Wooldridge.
 - b. Communication (Bill)- Members shared ways that they have seen the meeting announcements (radio, newspaper, etc.). Bill told us how members can access the chapter documents on the website.
 - c. Advanced Training (Colton)- TPWD is offering Project Wild Training in July and we need at least 5 people to sign up so that they can ship the materials in bulk. Contact Colton if you are interested.
 - d. Volunteer (Stephanie) – No report.
 - e. Membership (Barbara)- Welcome to Gordon Lee who transferred from the Gulf Coast chapter. Bill and Marsha were recognized for recertifying. Please make sure that you are logging your hours and that you are using the correct opportunity so that the approval is not delayed. If you need help determining how to log hours, please contact Barbara. Members were also reminded how to log hours for the monthly chapter meeting and AT program.
 - f. New Class Representative (Matt)- No report.
 - g. Past President (Karen)- Katie provided an update in Karen's absence. We are still working on updating chapter documents.

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5. Committee Reports

- a. Nature Center (Meghan)- Our 4th Saturday workdays are continuing with our next one scheduled for May 28th. Make sure that you bring bug spray and lots of water.
- b. Public Outreach (Linda)- It is time to plan for Nature Fest. Let Linda know if you would like to be on the planning committee. This Saturday is the Dublin Market. Stephenville Farmer's Market will be on June 4th. Road cleanup at Dinosaur Valley State Park is June 3rd from 8-10. If you know your rocks, Linda needs help to label a rock collection that was given to our chapter. The Comanche Pow Wow is the last week in September.
- c. Direct outreach/education (Gail)- If you have photos or newspaper articles, please pass on to Gail for the chapter scrapbook. Gail is also planning to put together a day to get together to work on discovery trunks.
- d. Hospitality (Peggy)- No report.

6. Announcements

- a. Lake Mineral Wells State Park needs help working on their pollinator garden on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9-1.
- b. Peggy will hold a Nature Walk for the public at the Nature Center the 2nd weekend in June which will include a tutorial on iNaturalist.
- c. Our next meeting will be June 16th and Ricky Linex will provide our AT program.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37pm