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**Subject:** Summary of 2nd General Nature Festival Meeting

Don, please forward to our membership and our friends in Bell County. Thanks.

Dear All,

In spite of the wintery weather last night we had a productive meeting at Julio's Restaurant.  The minutes of the meeting will soon be posted on the website.

We reviewed our line-up of speakers, our venues and leaders, and our financial situation.  We were successful with our grant application to the City of Rockdale Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund.  With their generous support our advertising budget is funded!  The bat venue is in need of a leader, if you are interested please contact me as soon as possible.

As we progressed through the agenda, five committees were identified.  These committees are as follows:
1) Publication, this committee will be responsible for putting all print material together (Debbi Harris);
2) Financial/Funding, funding brochures were sent to our patrons in August of 2012, this committee will conduct follow-up personal interviews with those patrons and newly identified patrons requesting them to again support the festival (Sandra Dworaczyk);
3) Advertising, (Don Travis);
4) Education, this committee will contact schools and teachers to request student involvement, including art, and to generally advertise the festival within the schools (Joyce Dalley);
5) Logistics, this committee is charged with all the necessary arrangements and supplies to conduct the festival (John Pruett).

Everyone is very welcome to serve on any of these committees.  If you have an interest in any of these committees, please contact the person or persons identified.  These committees will conduct their work and we plan to meet again on February 12, 2013, 5:30 pm at the Milano Methodist Church, in Milano for committee reports and discussion.  A formal announcement of the meeting will be forthcoming.

Again, thanks to everyone.  There is no way this can happen without you.  The 2013 Nature Festival will be here before we know it.

Regards,

John & Joyce