

**Texas Master Naturalist  
El Camino Real Chapter  
Chapter Meeting Minutes  
October 12, 2017**

Prior to and during the meeting, Mary Pearl Meuth made video recordings of members describing their TMN experiences. These clips, once edited, will be used at the state convention. "The State of the Water" was presented while filming was going on.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Phyllis Shuffield at 6:47pm and was held at the Milano United Methodist Church. Those in attendance included Clyde Adcock, Nancy Adcock, Scott Berger, Sherry Colley, Ann Collins, Sandra Dworaczyk, Don Hagan, Lynn Hagan, Debbi Harris, Pat Holley, Janice Johnson, Donna Lewis, Lisa Milewski, Pamela Neeley, Barbara Paschall, Phyllis Shuffield, and Kim Summers. Guests were Sam Jolly, Cindy McDaniel, Gary McDaniel, and Mary Pearl Meuth. (Cindy and Gary have been members of our chapter in the past, and we welcome them back!)

**Secretary's Report:** Nancy Adcock

Minutes are posted online. Debbi Harris made a motion to accept the minutes as printed, and it was seconded by Lynn Hagan.

**Vice President's Report:** Sandra Dworaczyk

Sandra reported that Gary McDaniels has the native grasses planted in the memorial garden for Katherine Bedrich.

Sandra has been meeting with Rockdale Memorial for the stone marker for Katherine's garden. The November meeting will start at 5pm at the garden for a dedication.

The presentation for the November meeting will be reports from the state convention. The December meeting will be the Christmas party to be held at Sandra and Edward's home. Sandra will furnish the meat. Members are asked to bring a side and a white elephant gift. (December 14 at 6pm)

**Treasurer's Report:** Barbara Cromwell

In Barb's absence, Phyllis said the report will be filed on our webpage.

**Nature Stories:**

Phyllis reported an abundance of butterflies on her property.

**Board Chairs**

**Communication: Don Travis**

Don and Cindy are almost home from their summer trip to New England.

**Host: Sherry Colley**

Everything is in good shape for now.

**Membership: Debbi Harris**

Debbi reports our chapter has earned more than 219 volunteer hours for the third quarter. Yearly totals are more than 25,000 hours of volunteer service. Since chapter inception more than 36,000 volunteer hours have been recorded. Beginning in January, Lisa Milewski will serve as membership chairperson. Milestone awards include: Janice Johnson--500 hours, Don Travis--4,000 hours, and Donna Lewis--5,000 hours.

Debbi will hold another help session for putting in hours on November 8 from 9:30 - 11:30 at the Rockdale library.

**New Class:** Dorothy Mayer is working on the new class and will be assisted by co-chair, Pamela Neeley. New students packets are available. Spread the word about the new class beginning in January.

The Texas Master Naturalist Conference will be held at the Omni Hotel in Corpus Christi, October 20 - 22. Members planning to attend include Phyllis Shuffield, Ann Collins, Linda Jo Conn, and Don and Cindy Travis.

A motion to adjourn was made by Pat Holley and seconded by Lynn Hagan.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Adcock

Advanced Training: 1 hour, 30 minutes  
Volunteer time: 30 minutes (Meeting)  
Hospitality: 1 hour

