

**Texas Master Naturalist
El Camino Real Chapter
Chapter Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2017**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Phyllis Shuffield at 6:42 and held at the Milano United Methodist Church. Those in attendance included: Nancy Adcock, Darlene Anglen, Scott Berger, Sherry Colley, Ann Collins, Linda Jo Conn, Joyce Conner, Sandra Dworaczyk, Pat Holley, Dale Kruse, Kathy Lester, Donna Lewis, Dorothy Mayer, Billy Moore, Pamela Neeley, Barbara Paschall, Phyllis Shuffield, Kim Summers, Sheri Sweet, Wes Sweet, Nancy Webber.

Guests: Sam Jolly, Melinda and Kiera Iruegas, and Cheryl Lewis

Order of the Meeting

The minutes from last month's meeting are online. Donna Lewis moved to approve the minutes, and Sandra Dworaczyk seconded the motion.

The Treasurer's report is filed for audit online.

Nature Stories:

Linda Jo Conn reported Moss Week starts eight days from today. Post your pictures to iNaturalist.

Pamela Neeley had an adventure with an armadillo and her fig tree.

Sam Jolly offered mustang grapes to members. Follow him after the meeting to the Travis residence if interested.

Sheri Sweet's cat had a fun time with a frog on the window glass.

Linda Jo Conn requests seeds from the rough buttonweed plants.

Dale Kruse returned from a trip to Trinidad where he saw fabulous vegetation and mosses a plenty.

Dorothy Mayer could see unborn eggs in a gecko.

Billy Moore reminded everyone to watch for rattlesnakes. He had a friend bit by a baby rattler.

Upcoming Meetings: Sandra Dworaczyk

August: Kelly Simon on iNaturalist

September: The Hagans on the eclipse

October: TBD

November: TBD

December: Christmas Party

Board Chairs:

Communications: Don Travis

Host: Sherry Colley

Supplies are in good order.

Membership: Donna Lewis for Debbi Harris

Recertification pins--

Donna Lewis

Sheri Sweet

Dorothy Mayer

Advanced Training and Volunteer: Kathy Lester

Kathy passed out a handout on webinars. Try these websites for webinar information for advanced training. Contact Kathy for specific requirements for hours.

<http://articles.extension.org/pages/73368>

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Old Business:

Katherine Bedrich Memorial—In October, Gary McDaniels will help replant native grasses at the butterfly garden in Milano. A granite memorial will be placed there and set in stones native to Milam County. In November the chapter will hold a dedication in Katherine's memory.

The inventory for the chapter remains in progress and will be tabled until the weather cools.

State representative—Phyllis asked for a volunteer for this position to help at the state conference. Linda Jo Conn expressed an interest.

Historian—Donna Lewis has been clipping newspaper articles and saving them. Don is incorporating this information into the chapter's website.

Cheryl Lewis brought Native American seed catalogs to members at the meeting.

Phyllis asked members to consider volunteering for an office for the upcoming year.

New Business

Please pass along to Dorothy the names of anyone who may be interested in the new class.

Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Dorothy Mayer and seconded by Pat Holley. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Adcock

Following the meeting, Dale Kruse presented a program on archival procedures.