

**Texas Master Naturalist
El Camino Real Chapter
Chapter Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2017**

President Phyllis Shuffield called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm. Those in attendance included Nancy Adcock, Clyde Adcock, Scott Berger, Sherry Colley, Ann Collins, Barbara Cromwell, Edward Dworaczyk, Sandra Dworaczyk, Don Hagan, Lynn Hagan, Debbi Harris, Pat Holley, Janice Johnson, Kathy Lester, Donna Lewis, Dorothy Mayer, Billy Moore, Pamela Neeley, Phyllis Shuffield, Kim Summers, and guests Christi Coufal, Sam Jolly, and Gary and Cindy McDaniels

Secretary: Nancy Adcock

The minutes were posted online and Donna Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Kim Summers seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Vice President: Sandra Dworaczyk

Upcoming programs:

October: State representative coming to our meeting to film our contribution to the 20th Anniversary celebration

November: Reports from state meeting from members who attended

December: Christmas party at the Dworaczyk's home

Treasurer: Barbara Cromwell

The treasurer's report is online and has been filed for audit.

Nature stories:

Phyllis saw a Rufous outside her kitchen window.

Debbi said her resident hummingbird nest fell during the hurricane. She also has 9 - 10 Monarch caterpillars.

Pamela is seeing Praying Mantis appear on her hummingbird feeder.

Sam was seeking identification for a moth he found while mowing.

Communications: Don Travis

Kudos to Don for the wonderful job he did of Katherine's video.

Host: Sherry Colley

Everything is good for now.

Membership: Debbi Harris

Awards given:

Recertifications:

Janice Johnson

Billy Moore

2018 Training Class: Dorothy Mayer

New training class is on schedule to begin January 2018.

Earth Day: Donna Lewis

USDA will be participating. Activities will be held at the Patterson Center in Rockdale. First planning meeting will be held in January.

Advanced Training and Volunteer Opportunities: Kathy Lester

Nothing new to report

Activities/Announcements

September 15 from 8 - 10 am work-day to set up for native grasses at garden in Milano. Plans are to prep and circle the area. Rockdale Memorial will do marker.

Free Senior Expo October 4 in Rockdale to be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall (See Debbi for details)

November 8—Brenham: Texas Riparian Training (See Phyllis for details)

Rainwater Harvesting Rebate Program—October 20, 6:00 - 8:00 POSGCD, Milano

Earth-Kind Water Conservation Workshop—November 6, 5:30 - 8:00 POSGWCD, Milano

Pollinator BioBlitz—September 23 to October 8 on iNaturalist (See Debbi Harris)

A motion to adjourn was made by Sandra Dworaczyk and seconded by Donna Lewis. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Adcock

Following the meeting, the Hagans presented a program on the total eclipse.

Volunteer time: 45 minutes
Advanced training: 1 hour
Food: (hospitality) 1 hour