

**Texas Master Naturalist
El Camino Real Chapter Meeting Minutes
Milano Methodist Church
March 8, 2018**

Prior to the meeting , members enjoyed a delicious potluck meal of Asian food..

President Phyllis Shuffield called the meeting to order at 7:35pm. Those in attendance included Nancy Adcock, Clyde Adcock, Scott Berger, Sherry Colley, Ann Collins, Mike Conner, Joyce Conner, Tina Foster, Lynn Hagan, Debbi Harris, Catherine Johnson, Sue Ann Kendall, Larry Kocian, Kathleen Lester, Donna Lewis, Dorothy Mayer, Lisa Milewski, Pamela Neeley, Darlene Reynolds, Michelle Rivard, Phyllis Shuffield, Patrick Still, Kim Summers, Sheri Sweet, Wesley Sweet, Jackie Thornton, Cindy Travis, Don Travis, Nancy Webber, Carol Williams, and guest Cheryl Lewis, presenter.

New class members were recognized.

Advanced Training and Volunteer Opportunities—Kathy Lester

Form on the website for AT approval. Anything sponsored by Agri-Life and Texas Parks and Wildlife are approved.

Secretary: Nancy Adcock

The minutes were posted online.

Vice President: Donna Lewis

Upcoming programs: April—Shawn Wall

May—Alston Thoms

June—Barbara Willey

Treasurer: Mike Conner

The treasurer's report is online and has been filed for audit. (About \$4700 in the account).

Nature stories:

Phyllis Shuffield, Sheri Sweet, Ann Collins, Debbi Harris, Pamela Neeley

Members are asked to document their nature stories on the chapter's Facebook page.

Communications: Don Travis

Carol Williams has published her first newsletter for the chapter.

Host: Sherry Colley

Sherry thanked members for napkins and forks. May need paper plates soon.

Membership: Lisa Milewski

2018 recertification: Donna Lewis, Lisa Milewski, Don Travis, Carol Williams

2500 hours: Joyce Conner

500 hours: Kim Summers

Old Business

New Class: Dorothy Mayer

Saturday, March 10: Herbarium in College Station 9am until 1pm

Conference: Pamela Neeley

2018 Conference—planning for conference last Sunday

Earth Day: Donna Lewis

Please sign up for Earth Day, April 10 - 2, in Rockdale at the Community Center if interested in participating.

New Business

--Steaktobber Fest in Cameron in October—We may participate with a program similar to Earth Day.

--Sheri Sweet—Will keep going with butterfly garden in Lexington after damage. There may be a possibility of adding another butterfly garden. More information to follow

--Changing meeting time of meetings back to 6pm for spring and summer meetings. A motion was made by Nancy Adcock and seconded by Wesley Sweet to begin at 6pm during Daylight Savings Time with potluck at 6 and program/meeting to begin at 6:30. Motion passed.

--Possible field trip with Sam Jolly later in the spring or early summer

--Chapter is joining the Rockdale and Cameron Chamber of commerce. Thorndale coming. This will enable us to use their meeting rooms.

--Auction item to Cameron Lions Club. We usually give them something for their auction. Pamela Neeley made a motion to participate again this year. Lynn Hagan seconded the motion. Motion passed. Phyllis will acquire the item/items.

--Attendance at classes may be counted as volunteer time or advanced training.

A motion to adjourn was made by Sue Ann Kendall and seconded by Sheri Sweet. The meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Adcock

Hospitality--1 hour (if participating)

Advanced training--1 hour, 15 minutes (Garden Pollinators)

Meeting time--1 hour