

Thursday June 14, 2018

Chapter meeting, United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Milano, TX.

6-6:30 Meal Fellowship Time

Guest speaker: Barbara Willy-Using Pollinator Garden for Wildlife Tax Exemption or Wildlife Management Plans.

6:30-8:30

2 hours AT Barbara Willy- Using Pollinator Garden For Wildlife Tax Exemption and Wildlife management plans

.50 VT-meeting

1 hour VT for hospitality if you brought food

Chapter Meeting Called to order by President Phyllis Shuffield at 8:45

Present: 26

Those present:

Guests: Sam Jolly & Jim Cumming

Members present: Donna Lewis, Phyllis Shuffield, Dorothy Mayer, Lisa Milewski, Kim Summers, Scott Berger, Wesley Sweet, Sheri Sweet, Cindy Travis, Don Travis, Pamela Neeley, Debbi Harris, Patrick Still, Sandra Dworaczyk, Ann Collins, Pat Holley, Linda Jo Conn, Kathleen Lester, Jackie Thornton, Sue Ann Kendall, Genie Lindberg, Larry Kocian, Jacquelyn Fields

Nature Stories:

Ann Collins is reading book called 'A Nature Fix' & highly recommends it to fellow members. Donna Lewis shared various Wildlife Postage Stamps Available for purchase @ P.O. now. Genie Lindberg Shared a story about being afraid to get off her porch due to warnings from a Mama Doe.

Secretary Report: posted online & motion to approve minutes by Sue Ann Kendall, seconded by Dorothy Mayer-approved by membership vote. Tonight's minutes will be recorded by Dorothy Mayer in absence of Secretary Nancy Adcock. (Nancy & Clyde Adcock out of town due to birth of new, healthy granddaughter)

Vice President report: Donna Lewis announced that next month's speaker will talk about Bringing Native Prairies Back, and the following month MN Mike Conner will teach about aquifers in Milam County.

Treasurer's Report is filed for audit online & was summarized by President Phyllis Hanel. Motion to approve by Pamela Neeley & seconded by Pat Holley & approved by membership vote.

Communications report by Donald Travis. Don recommended 'Discover Magazine' to membership & announced that due to his annual upcoming trip to Maine, Mike Conner will be taking care of audio/visual equipment & bringing to meetings, etc. Mike may need a sub for some occasions.

Advanced training & volunteer director Kathleen Lester reported Angler Education class on 6/20 is approved for AT.

No old business discussed

New business discussed was the possibility of having educational booths at Steaktobberfest on 10/13/18 at 44 Farms.

Also, members were asked to assist w/ Cameron Library Children's Summer Activities led by Master Naturalists: Joyce Conner, Cindy Bolch & Donna Lewis. Programs will be given on the following Thursdays from 5:30-6:30 pm:

6/20/18, Subject Backyard Birds, led by Cindy Bolch,

7/5/18, Dragonflies led by Joyce Conner, & 7/19/18 Purple Martins, led by Donna Lewis. Volunteer time plus travel time given to members who come & assist with any or all of these presentations.

Larry Kocian asked for someone knowledgeable to do a presentation on bats for the Little River Basin Master Gardeners @ the end of this month. Please refer any suggestions for a presenter to Larry Kocian.

Host: Sherri Colley, absent. Nothing new to report.

Membership summary to date by Lisa Milewski, membership director. Recertification pins for 2018 were presented to Jackie Thornton & Cindy Travis. Lynn Hagan has also earned hers but was not present. Recognition was also given to Linda Jo Conn for her amazing contributions to Inaturalist. Linda is third in the world who has contributed pictures & ID's to inaturalist. We are very proud To have Linda Jo in our MN chapter.

Board of Directors meeting tentatively set for Sunday at 2 pm @ Phyllis Shuffield's home or location TBA??

Members were asked to document nature stories on our Facebook page if possible or share w/Lynn Hagan so she can report there.

Motion made for meeting to adjourn at 9:05 pm by Lisa Milewski and seconded by Debbi Harris-motion passed.

Sent from my iPhone, Dorothy

