

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

Prior to the meeting a potluck was served. Joyce Conner presented a program on the albatross. She will continue in January.

Call to Order

Phyllis Shuffield called the meeting to order at 7:45. Members present included: Nancy Adcock, Sherry Colley, Ann Collins, Linda Jo Conn, Mike Conner, Joyce Conner, Sandra Dworaczyk, Jackie Fields, Pat Holley, Catherine Johnson, Janice Johnson, Sue Ann Kendall, Larry Kocian, Donna Lewis, Liz Lewis, Pamela Neeley, Phyllis Shuffield, Patrick Still, Kim Summers, Cindy Travis, Don Travis, Nancy Webber, and guest Cindy Bolch.

Order of the Meeting

Secretary's report: Nancy Adcock

The minutes from last month's meeting are posted online. Donna Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Pamela Neeley. Minutes were approved as written.

Vice-President: Donna Lewis

Contact Donna or Kathy Lester for information on Journey North. Feeder Watch begins Saturday, November 10. Look for a January planning meeting for Earth Day. Central Texas Chapter gave chapter teaching tools for children. AT November 14, 6pm Donna to speak in Bryan about purple martins @ Natural History Museum Christmas party at Sandra's on December 13. Bring a white elephant gift in you'd like to participate in the exchange. Meat provided. Please bring side, appetizer, or dessert, etc. Please pay your 2019 dues at the Christmas party, if possible.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Conner

The Treasurer's report is filed for audit online.

Board Chairs:

Communications: Don Travis

Glad to be back!

Host: Sherry Colley

All's good for now!

Membership: Lisa Milweski absent

Advanced Training and Volunteer: Kathy Lester--absent

Activities/Announcements

Old Business-- none

New Business

Field trip to the Bush Presidential Museum on December 1. Texas maps and exhibit on Leonardo da Vinci: Machines in Motion. Tour guided by Don Hagan. If interested in going, meet at the library at 10:00. Please RSVP to Phyllis.

Please get your hours recorded by December 31.

Video for PR/Training available. See Phyllis

2019 State Conference will be held in Rockwall, Texas.

Master Naturalist license plate is now fully funded and expected to be out in 2019.

Be prepared to share one thing from this year's conference if you attended at the Christmas party.

Make sure you are on ListServe

Background checks—go to VMS and update your record. Background check is free every year through Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Steaktober Fest—Cindy Bolch did a presentation on bats and Joyce brought poster. About 50 people came through.

Pamela shared that Goodwater Chapter has an online tool for local trips when traveling.

Welcome to Jenecia and Burton's baby girl, Ripley Meadow!

Nature Stories

Scott, Pamela, Ann, and Sandra shared nature stories.

Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made Donna Lewis by and seconded by Kim Summers. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Adcock

Meeting time: 45 minutes (VT)
Hospitality, if participating: 1 hour (VT)
Program: 1 hour, 15 minutes (AT)