

El Camino Real Chapter
Texas Master Naturalist
Meeting Minutes
Milano United Methodist Church
February 7, 2019

The following minutes were taken by Kathy Lester in my absence. Additional comments were provided by Joyce Conner and incorporated into Kathy's notes. Thank you for your help! Nancy

Meeting called to order at 6:30

There was no secretary report

Vice President - Donna reported that Ann Collins will speak to the chapter next month. The speaker for this meeting (Dr Toms) will had to reschedule. Any member is invited to speak to the group at the monthly meeting. Sue Ann mentioned that she was going to attend a Riparian workshop and might be able to speak about it at a later meeting.

Treasurer - Mike asked about making a motion for a rule change in which reimbursement checks could be signed by the Treasurer and ANY board member. Don reviewed the chapter by-laws which indicates this system is in place for writing checks but not for approving that the check be written.

Motion was made (I didn't write down who made this I am pretty sure that Mike then made the motion) and was seconded by Dorothy. Motion passed on vote.

Treasurer's report was read. Mike asked that everyone check a form he had placed on a side table that lists all members who are current with dues and let him know of any discrepancies. He said his records showed 31 paid members to date.

Communications - Don had nothing to report

Hospitality - Sherry had nothing to report

AT - Kathy had nothing to report

New Business:

Sue Ann suggested we have a blog to which members can contribute. This blog could be linked to our web page and to our Facebook page. Sue Ann volunteered to edit the blog. Mike suggested that she do a quick tutorial at a future time. Sue Ann said she would be using Word Press. Sandra Dworaczyk asked if the bog could be made available for non-computer literate members.

Sue Ann moved to start the blog for this chapter. Don seconded the motion. Motion passed by vote.

Donna asked whether the Butterfly Garden and Katherine's Memorial Garden in Milano had been worked on. Sandra confirmed that it had been.

Earth Day - scheduled for April 20th from 10-2 at the community center in Rockdale. There is scheduled to be a live broadcast at 9. We expect USDA and Girl scouts to attend. Members are encouraged to attend and help with chapter-sponsored activities.

Donna reported that Laurie McVoy (sp?), our Rockdale Earth Day coordinator, has offered the old train station depot for children's events/classes should any of our members be interested. McVoy would be the contact for reservations.

Cathy J reviewed the monarch training which she and Donna attended. She distributed handouts, warned us to take great care (or withhold) mowing between March and April (best to withhold until September) and reminded all to be careful when mowing as caterpillars may be on the ground either traveling or "playing dead".

The Milam County Wildscape Project – Sunday, March 3 is next meeting. AT hours are available for any didactic presentations and volunteer hours for helping with activities. This is held at the Bird and Bee Farm, 334 off 79.

All Things Wild is approved for hours. Go to their website for information and to enter your name for registration. Address is 300 Havelka Road (between Granger Lake and Georgetown). Cathy was asked to send the information to Janice for entry in our email Notifications.

Membership:

Sherry Colley `500 hours

Donna Lewis 2019 re-certification (Lisa is still waiting for the re-certification pins which are of the Golden Cheek Warbler).

Upcoming events:

Linda Jo reported that the Lost Pines Chapter will have their next meeting on Monday (2/18/19). Chuck Sexton will be presenting about the Golden Cheek Warbler. This will be held at the refractory at Bastrop State Park at 6:00 pm. She will forward a memorandum about this to Don who will distribute for general membership.

Sandra - reminded us that the Great Backyard Bird Count will be this weekend.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15

Donna Lewis did presentation on pollinator plants for central Texas showing us her certified Wildflower Garden. Kathy Lester then demonstrated how to make egg shell planters. These planters will be given away on Earth Day. Members can save the egg shells to give to others to fill at the March meeting OR they can fill and seed them and bring to Earth Day.

Cindy Travis brought containers of red yucca plants for any interested members.

AT = 1 hour

chapter meeting = 45 minutes

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Sign in Report Form - Meetings, Volunteer Services, Training/Advanced Training

Date: 2-19-19 Location: Middle TX
 Chapter Coordinator: _____

Sponsoring Organization(s) if any: _____
 Sponsor Signatures, if available: _____

Meeting or Vol. Event: Title: Monthly Chapter Meeting Hours: 0.75-VE
 Acres Involved: _____ Trail Miles Maintained: _____ Traveling Thr: Yes/No (circle)
 VMS Service Opportunity Name (req d): _____

Training/Advanced Training: Title: POWELL PLANTS Hours: 1:00-AT
 Instructor(s) Donna Lewis for milam County
 VMS AT Opportunity Name (req d): _____

Description of Mig / Event / AT (Use in VMS notes field):
*Hospitality - 1:00-VE

Instructions, and additional names on the back, if needed. Print form in duplex mode on 1 sheet.

PRINT NAME (add * if you provided hospitality services)

1. Donna Lewis * Patience Johnson
2. SHERRY A. CALLEY * LISA MILEWSKI
- * Dorothy Maysen 13. * Lindalop Connor
4. Don Travis 14. * K. Simmons
- * Sindy Travis 15. John Burnett
6. Sam Jolly 16. Pat Holley
- * 7. Suz Ann Kendall * SANDRA K DWORKZYK
- * Kathleen Lester * Ann Collins
9. Joyce Conner 19. _____
- * Mike Conner 20. _____

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