

Texas Master Naturalist, El Camino Real Chapter

Board Meeting

September 15, 2019,

The Hermit Haus, 411 W. Main, Cameron

Attendees: Sherry Colley, Linda Jo Conn, Sue Ann Kendall, Kathy Lester, Donna Lewis, Lisa Milewski, Phyllis Shuffield

Phyllis called the meeting to order at 2:06.

Officers

The Board is considering this slate of officers for 2020. Positions with a * have not been accepted yet.

- President: Sue Ann Kendall
- Outgoing President: Phyllis Shuffield
- Vice President: Donna Lewis
- Treasurer: Mike Conner
- *Secretary: unfilled, asking Jackie Thornton, Liz Lewis, or Dorothy Mayer
- Communications: Don Travis with Janice Johnson and Sue Ann Kendall on the committee
- Membership: Lisa Milewski
- Host: Sherry Colley with Kim Summers as committee member
- *AT Chair: unfilled, asking Pamela Neeley
- New Class: Kathy Lester
- State Representative: Linda Jo Conn

New Venue

Sue Ann described the Hermit Haus facility in Cameron that her company is offering. It will have wi-fi, and eventually a nice wheelchair ramp and a small elevator. There is a kitchen, a conference room, a sanctuary, and a dining/meeting area with chairs for more than our usual attendance. She gave officers who hadn't seen it yet a tour after the meeting.

We need to check with Mary Pearl about legality of the chapter donating monies to a business that is owned by a member. There may be other options. Phyllis will look into that.

Christmas Party

The Board thanks Sandra Dworaczyk for hosting prior parties at her lovely home.

There were two offerings for hosting the party this year.

- All Saints Episcopal Church meeting hall (from Liz Lewis).
- The party barn in Gause (from Lynn Hagan).

We are going to check with Lynn first, since it is a slightly larger facility.

New Class

Kathy Lester has a few people interested. Others also know some.

She wants a meeting place with internet capability. Time options are Monday afternoon or Thursday evening. Price is \$175.

Discussion centered around the desire to recruit more younger members and the fact that the Hermit Haus is only available in evenings.

Kathy wants a brochure available in October for events and distribution. She would like to revise the current brochure to be a little less busy. Kathy will send the file to Sue Ann.

Publicity needs are: the newspaper, Facebook group, blog.

Instructor gifts: Walker Honey or Graham apiary honey.

Other Business

Cindy Bolch would like to rejoin the Chapter. The Board approved. Moved by Linda Jo, seconded by Sue Ann.

Next Meeting

October 27, 2 pm Hermit Haus.

Adjourn 3:36 pm. [forgot to write down who moved and seconded]

Hours: 1.5 hours Admin Board; no mileage

Respectfully submitted by Sue Ann Kendall, acting secretary