

EL Camino Real Master Naturalists  
Executive Board Meeting. February 11, 2018

Meeting called to order 2:02

\*New Treasurer

Barbara Cromwell moved Mike Conner to take the place of Deb Harris who resigned as Treasury because she is moving out of the county. Dorothy Mayer seconds. Passed  
Audit of books scheduled for Monday February 12, 2108 at Conner's home after Mike and Barbara Cromwell meet at Citizens Bank to get signature cards signed.

\*Joining Chamber of Commerce –

Membership would provide more exposure as the Chambers would provide advertisement, links to our website on their website, and place to hold meetings and presentations.

Barbara Cromwell moved to join Rockdale, Cameron and Thorndale Chambers. Donna Lewis seconds. Passed

\*Earth Day and Oktoberfest

Donna Lewis is coordinating the Earth Day activities. Right now she has been able to cover costs with donations. It was suggested that she contact Lori McVay (Rockdale contact) to confirm coverage of our vendors/participants by their insurance.

Oktoberfest is on Oct. 13 at Forty Four Farms. Melanie McClaren contacted Phylis Shuffield about our club participating in some capacity. Phylis will find out more about the venue.

\*New Projects

Opportunities on the VMS were discussed. Some training will be needed to learn about and be able to participate in those activities, i.e. Citizen Science

\*New Class Representative on Board/Mentorship Program

Part of the State Handbook – should we have this program, is it necessary? Discussion with input by nearly the entire group decided that it was NOT necessary.

It was also decided that the Mentorship Program is also deemed unnecessary. We will wait for the new COH template to come out from the State and write our own participation in this program as part of our COH.

\*How will hours be counted for members attending New Class Programs? Should members get Volunteer hours?

As part of Mentorship - Members by their presence show that the new students are important and that the material is important. They are supporting the students, the chapter, and the importance of the material being presented.

\*It must be communicated clearly to our members and students that we DO NOT get participation credit for time commuting.

\*Portable Speaker System

Don Travis will store it and buy batteries when needed. Please give him at least 4 days notice so he can get batteries before system is needed.

\*Remaining Chapter Newsletter Yearly Booklets-

The discussion was about what to do with the remaining books, should we order more of some of the most recent ones, i.e, 2016m 2015, should be distribute the remaining books around the area to Dr. offices etc. and/or give them away to members etc.  
No decision made except to not order more.

\*Lucy Coward

Her transfer to Cen-Tex chapter was accepted

\*Should the minutes of meetings and treasure reports be emailed to members prior to every monthly meeting? Decision:

Monthly Meeting Minutes – yes

Treasure Report – no

Board Meeting Minutes – yes Also, we should remind members that these meetings are open to all members BUT if they want to address an issue they must call ahead and be put on the agenda. They can not enter into the discussions or vote.

\*Signs and Banners

Donna Lewis inquired about the availability of signs to post when the chapter is participating in a program such as Earth Day to mark our presence. The chapter received 7 professional signs at the State Convention and they are available for this purpose.

\*Donation to Milano Church

Usually we make a donation to the church especially those years when we have the class and are meeting once a week.

Donna Lewis moved we donate \$300.00

Don Travis seconds it. Passed

\*Donna Lewis shared concern about security at meetings. After discussion it was decided it would be hard to implement any sort of “security”. It was also discussed that there needs to be more light outside after dark because ground it unsafe so Don Travis is looking into purchasing some solar lights to help members/etc. to reach their cars.

\*Approve monies for speaker gifts

Donna moved that we approve monies for the cookbooks and magnets for the New Class Speakers.

Mike Conner seconds it. Passed

Donna moved that approve monies for magnets to give to presenters at the Chapter meetings. Don seconds it. Passed

Donna moved to adjourn the meeting. Don Travis seconds. Passed

Meeting adjourned 4:00 pm