

GLC-TMN Chapter  
Board Meeting  
June 21, 2017

President Cindy Hobbs called the GLC-TMN Board of Directors meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

The following members were present: Cindy Hobbs, Lori Buffum, Donna Mueller, Dave Redden, Leada Dietz, Jerry Gips, Betsy Palkowsky, Chris Morrison, Cheryl Karr, and Debbie Copeland-Luhn.

Minutes were approved as amended by email.

Betsy brought up the subject of the Winedale pollinator garden project and the press release by Patrick Dunn concerning the \$5,000.00 grant approval. Apparently we have been approved according to Jerry Gips but have not received the money. After some discussion it was determined that Betsy, as the Publicity and Outreach Director, should be the media POC.

The State Meeting this year will be on October 20-22 in Corpus Christi. Our chapter will again be running the store. According to Chris Morrison, we will have a card reader for charging purchases, as well as operator training.

All Conflict of Interest forms: All members present completed the required form and those who were not present today will be contacted to complete the form.

Treasurer Chris Morrison reported that we have \$17,624.02 in the treasury. She also stated that we made \$85.00 at the plant sale from "free will" donations, and that maybe we could in the future use this money to help fund other pollinator gardens. Lori Buffum suggested maybe use the \$85 for the recently approved garden at Stephen F. Austin Park. Dave Redden suggested that maybe we should also do a "free will donation" at all our programs that are opened to the public to help with this. President Cindy would like to see at least one pollinator garden in each county.

There was considerable discussion on the signage being used at Washington on the Brazos and our other locations (Winedale, Indian Creek, and Monument Hill).

Chapter Operating Handbook (COH):

There was much discussion on what positions within the chapter should be included in the Board of Directors. All agreed that the Hospitality Director position should be dropped and put in the Standing Committee Chairs. Donna Mueller should be added as the Scholarship/Youth Outreach Director and Lori Buffum will be changed to the Newsletter/Social Media Director and Sherri Wilcox will be on Lori's committee as the website manager, and Marketing will stay with Betsy Palkowsky, Publicity/Outreach Director.

Dave Redden stated we need to add a Drop Box Administrator. Three people will be authorized and all officers should be Drop Box savvy. There was considerable discussion on this subject and the secretarial position will oversee the Drop Box Administration committee and will also oversee 501 c (3) compliance.

The board then went over the duties of each elected position and director position.

Chapter Projects: Lori Buffum includes in the newsletter any information provided to her by project leaders, but she needs the leaders to get this information to her so she can get the Newsletter published prior to our chapter meetings. There was much discussion on the length of our meetings and Advanced Training. Cheryl Karr had a question concerning Top Ten Projects and could they be used as AT? Dave made a comment that originally this was the intent, but due to some quality control issues it went by the way side. President Cindy said she would talk to Karen Woods concerning the use of Top Ten projects for AT. Cheryl will talk to her also.

Dave Redden stated the Drop Box fees of \$315.00 have not been budgeted for this year, so a decision needs to be made. Are we going to pay for it this year or wait and add to next year's budget? Dave Redden gave each board member present a chart depicting the organization of the Drop Box and explained how it will work, and who will have access to it. The board agreed to fund the Drop Box starting this year.

Betsy Palkowsky showed the board members proposed changes to the chapter brochure and the tri-fold display and asked for input.

Donna Mueller stated that all the scholarship banquet dates are set, and she will update at the November meeting. She also has all AT speaker gifts done.

We will have a chapter meeting on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Lori Buffum has already received an application for next years training class. She asked if we should go ahead and open up registration before August? Jerry Gips said he would take care of it and will be helping the new Training Class Directors Jeb Lapeyrolerie and Deb Hilton when the committee meetings start in August.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 Noon.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Copeland-Luhn & Cheryl Karr  
Secretaries