

**TMN-Gideon Lincecum Chapter Meeting
December 8, 2012
UCC Church Fellowship Hall
Burton, TX
Minutes**

A brief business meeting was called to order at 7:20 P.M. by President Cindy Rodibaugh. Cindy thanked everyone for coming and for the great food we enjoyed this evening with special thanks to Janet Jarrell for organizing the meal and the decorations for the Christmas Party. The minutes from the last meeting on September 15th had been distributed by email and were accepted as presented. Our next chapter meeting will be on Saturday January 19, 2013.

After discussion and receiving no nominations from the floor, the following slate of officers was proposed by the nominating committee and approved unanimously by vote:

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| Cindy Rodibaugh | President |
| Cindy Hobbs | Vice-President |
| Mary Jones | Treasurer |
| Margaret Atkins | Secretary |

Cindy Rodibaugh thanked everyone for their service in the past year. She briefly reported GLC-TMN current successes and failures. Our greenhouse project at Brenham High School and our new affiliation with Stephan F. Austin State Park have proven successful. Our project at the Luther Hill Camp in LaGrange was lost in a devastating fire in Sept 2011 but our association with the Bastrop Lost Pines area has given us an opportunity to learn through volunteer efforts assisting their wildfire recovery. She also thanked all the committee chairs who have agreed to continue their projects in the coming year. She reported excitement about

Madeline's proposals for updating the website and wants to encourage all chapter members to check out the website for future information regarding the chapter schedules and events.

Carol Paulson asked everyone to please send her a picture and a couple of lines indicating the most fun you've had this year as Master Naturalists. She would like these for the newsletter next week.

Cindy reported some good volunteer opportunities coming up: the Lost Pines Bird Count on December 28th and Katy Prairie on January 1st.

Treasurer—Carol Daniels reported an end of year balance of \$8132.42. She thanked all committee chairs for being very conservative in their spending leaving us with slightly more money as an ending balance than we started with last year. However, we are within about \$1000 of where we had budgeted. Dues will be \$25 per person or family if paid before 1st of February when they will rise to \$30. Carol reminded everyone that we would not be getting \$2000 from Dave Redden's volunteer money with Exxon this coming year. We do have a nice cushion but we have spent over \$7000 this year. Carol reminded us that the board and members agreed to increase the cost of our training class for \$165 per person, which includes membership fees, and \$300 per couple sharing materials. We have a great lineup of teachers for our new class and two people have committed with 80 more saying they are interested. Orientation for the training class of 2013 will be on Monday night, Jan 28, 2013 6-9 p.m. The 2013 training classes will begin on Monday night, Feb 4.

The chapter meetings and programs will continue to be on the 3rd Saturday of odd numbered months as we did this year.

Membership— Carol Daniels also reported on membership and reminded everyone to get in your hours for the end of the year reporting. She needs time sheets signed and dated for each report period. At some point next year, we may each be reporting our hours online, but for the time being we are still using paper reporting!

Janet Jarrell thanked everyone for the great food tonight and thanked everyone especially for his or her help in organizing the graduation celebration when she was in hospital.

Adjourn: A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lemae Higgs, Secretary