

Texas Master Naturalist - Gideon Lincecum Chapter

January 20, 2018 Chapter Meeting

Winedale Historical Complex

President Betsy Palkowsky called the meeting to order at 9:02. There were 44 members present. All officers were in attendance.

There were two corrections to the November Meeting Minutes. Chris Morrison made a motion to approve the minutes with these corrections. Minutes were approved.

Betsy asked all project managers to provide regularly scheduled dates for activities by the next chapter meeting.

In an effort to accommodate all chapter members, future meeting locations will vary.

You should be receiving chapter e-mails through Google groups. If you are not receiving them check your junk mail. Please do not "reply all" when responding.

99 plants were donated by Texas Parks & Wildlife to our chapter to be used by project leaders at parks or with gardens.

Vice-President Earl Mills: If you have program ideas please let him know. March meeting topic will address how all the aspects of our chapter fit together. July's topic will be Fire Prevention Awareness.

Past Treasurer Chris Morrison presented the January report. Adjusted November 1, 2017 balance was \$19,174.26 and January 1, 2018 balance is \$17,415.05. Please turn in any outstanding requests for payment asap.

The 2018 budget proposal was presented. Lefty Yarnold made a motion to accept the proposal and it was seconded. Chapter vote to accept was unanimous.

Communications - Lori Buffum: Assistant newsletter editor is needed. Speak with Lori if you are interested. Deadline for article submission is the first of the month that chapter meetings are scheduled. Sheri Wilcox is the web master, Please send website items to both Lori and Sheri.

Membership - Leada Dietz: Four members received new certification and ten received recertification. Chris Morrison was awarded her 500 hour pin.

VMS - If you have not completed your profile or updated your birthdate please do so asap. Changes to VMS categories have been made. Research for top ten projects has been added and chapter business meeting is now under administrative work. The state store separate listing has been removed.

Marketing/Outreach - Tom Shaughnessy: The Chapter had a display at the Washington

County Wildlife event. Please contact Tom or Madeline Johnson with any local events where an outreach display would be appropriate. Tri-folds with packets are located in every county. When you facilitate an outreach program please be sure to complete the event interest form. Only one person needs to complete the demographic section. A photo of the completed form or the form itself needs to be sent to Tom or Madeline.

Training - Jeb Lapeyrolerie: Betsy presented an update. We have 22 students enrolled. Board members will attend the first session to introduce themselves and explain their roles and Mary Pearl Meuth will present an overview of past naturalists. Leada will present information on the VMS system. Chapter project managers will be asked to present project information at future class sessions.

Volunteer Service Programs - Cindy Rodibaugh: Remember to update project folders in drop box. Use the website form to propose new projects.

Youth Education:

Ag Safety Day: All dates have been added to the website.

BISD: All programs will be presented in the spring. An e-mail with training dates has been sent. You only need to attend one training session but can volunteer even if you do not attend the training. LANDS Water Field Day program will be April 24 with a backup date of April 26. This is a huge event and a large number of volunteers are needed. If you need training please send an e-mail to Carol Paulson.

Science Night: Flatonia has been added. Bellville is scheduled for February 12 and Flatonia February 26.

Project managers presented updates.

Scholarship recipient Whitney Whitsel discussed her future goal of majoring in animal science and thanked the chapter for the scholarship opportunity.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Esco
Chapter Secretary