

Texas Master Naturalist - Gideon Lincecum Chapter
March 9, 2018 Board Meeting
Winedale Historical Center

Officers in attendance: Betsy Palkowsky, Earl Mills and Linda Esco

Members Present: David Butler, Mary Ann Butler, Debbie Copeland, Patrick Dunne, Jerry Gips, Cindy Hobbs, Jeb Lapeyrolerie, Patricia Mills, Donna Mueller, Tom Shaughnessy and Charlotte Von Rosenberg. Also in attendance was Kara J. Matheney.

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 by President Betsy Palkowsky.

Cindy Hobbs made a motion to approve the January 12, 2018 board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Betsy reported on the success of the Sapling Fundraiser. \$280 was raised with the money to be used to send members to the annual meeting. Specifics will be determined at a later date.

Earl Mills discussed upcoming meeting programs. March will be "The Club" and focus on various aspects of chapter functions.

Betsy Palkowsky presented the treasurer report. February 28, 2018 balance is \$19,920.31. Fundraising was discussed. Any fundraising activity must have a specific purpose and selling type events are limited to two per year. Board members were asked to think of fundraising ideas to be discussed during the next board meeting.

Annual dues are still outstanding for 20 members. Leada Dietz will send Cindy Hobbs a list of inactive members to identify which of these can be permanently removed or status changed per by-law procedures. Once names are identified, Chris Morrison and Leada Dietz will update appropriate systems to reflect the changes.

To ensure appropriate coverage for key projects and roles, individuals need to be identified to backup or assist as needed. Debbie Copeland will backup the role of secretary. Dave Redden will be backup consultant for AT Director and Jeb Lapeyrolerie will provide backup for BISD efforts. Job descriptions and solicitation for backup for Volunteer Activity Director and Newsletter will be presented at the chapter meeting.

Mill Creek Watershed will become a citizen science project.

Patti Mills and Patrick Dunne presented a proposal for a Monarch Butterfly and Pollinator Conservation Fund Grant. Project overview is to restore monarch and other at risk pollinators in the 225 acre Winedale complex. After a lengthy discussion regarding the scope of the \$100,000 project, the decision was made to proceed with the initial phase of the grant application.

Advanced Training:

Amy's Prairie Restoration Project will stand as AT Hours

The recent Land Leasing Course will not count as AT but will be counted as volunteer hours under outreach.

New Projects:

The historic Schubert House in downtown Giddins, Lee County was been approved as a chapter project. Current plans are for cleaning and establishing a pollinator garden.

Next board meeting will be held May 4, 2018 location to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Esco
Chapter Secretary