

Texas Master Naturalist - Gideon Lincecum Chapter
May 4, 2018 Board Meeting
LaGrange AgriLife Conference Room

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

Members Present: Cindy Hobbs, Donna Mueller, Tom Shaughnessy, Cindy Rodibaugh, Nita Tiemann, Chris Morrison, Jeb Lapeyrolerie, Dave Redden, Jerry Gips

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 by President Betsy Palkowsky.

Cindy Hobbs made a motion to approve the March 9, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes as corrected. It was seconded and passed.

President - Betsy Palkowsky:

Outlined the meeting agenda and advised the board that \$100 was raised from donations at the Cotton Gin Festival to be applied to the Bill Deaton Scholarship Fund for first time State Convention attendees.

Vice President - Earl Mills:

Earl is working to create a template to provide information on meeting/training topics and instructors. It will encompass the instructor's bio, a comment section and fee schedule. There will also be a section for members to suggest topics.

Treasurer - Leada Dietz:

The current bank balance is \$19,617.77. A detailed report will be provided at the May Chapter Meeting.

Secretary - Linda Esco:

Reminded the group that all project information including photos should be stored in Dropbox.

New and Outstanding Business:

There is an ongoing need for someone to assist Lori Buffum with the newsletter. Lori will include information in the current May newsletter as well as presenting at the May 19 Chapter Meeting.

Outreach - Tom Shaughnessy:

There are currently 31 names on our e-mail contact list. Three outreach events have been scheduled, two at the Washington on the Brazos Farmer's Market and another at the Wildlife Management Native Grass Restoration in October. There was discussion regarding outreach displays and chapter and member items that could be utilized to draw interest to our table. Tom will begin soliciting input and begin an item list.

Jerry Gips advised we have received 200 milkweed plants from Monarch Watch Conservation. These plants will be distributed for use at our various project locations.

Due to the holiday week there will not be a board meeting in July.

The board brainstormed possible fund raising opportunities. Suggestions included:

Native Plant Sale

Tee Shirts

Gala with a silent auction

Members underwriting projects

Grants

Estate planned endowments

Nature/Wildlife Walk-a-thon

Guide Books

Mini Pollinator Kits

Company sponsored employee/retiree programs

Fun Run/Walk

Raffle

Employee/company matching dollar programs for volunteer hours

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Esco

Chapter Secretary