

Texas Master Naturalist - Gideon Lincecum Chapter
July 21, 2018 Chapter Meeting
Fayette County Extension Office

President Betsy Palkowsky called the meeting to order at 9:06. There were 34 members present. Officers in attendance were President Betsy Palkowsky, Secretary Linda Esco and Treasurer Leada Dietz.

There were no corrections to the May Meeting Minutes. Karen Wood moved to approve the minutes. It was seconded and the motion carried.

Executive Committee Updates:

President Betsy Palkowsky advised a current review of state documents is underway. These documents can be viewed on the state website and include the Chapter Management and Operating Protocol template and the Chapter Operating Handbook template. Any feedback is due by August 31, 2018.

Annual Meeting and Gala Information - The Texas Master Naturalist Endowment Gala will be Thursday, October 25. For additional information go to masternaturalistendowment.org.

The 20th Annual Meeting will be held in Georgetown this year. The meeting begins October 26 with over 150 classroom sessions and 30 field sessions. Registration will open soon and classes will fill up fast. A class matrix is on the website. Please note the conference registration is separate from the hotel but both are completed during the registration process.

Two \$200 new member scholarships will be awarded. In addition eight attendees are eligible for a 50% discount for the conference registration. The requirement is 10 hours of volunteer time in the store. If you are interested please e-mail Betsy. If you are selected you will receive a code to be used at registration. You must use the system to register and use the code at that time. The code will only work during the registration process. Any time spent working in the store will count as volunteer hours.

Gideon Lincecum Fund Raising:

To assure we continue to have funds needed for our various projects the chapter will pursue fund raising next year. Several ideas were entertained and a committee was formed to develop a worksop and plant sale event. Committee members are: Betsy Palkowsky, Chris Morrison, Ginny Welch, Jan Hughes, Nita Tiemann, Carol Daniels and Linda Esco.

Treasurer Report - Leada Dietz:

Balance as of June 29, 2018 is \$19,045.64.

Membership Report - Chris Morrison:

Congratulations to Diana Kies and Jon Watkins, members of the 2018 class, who have achieved initial certification.

Members receiving recertification for 2018 - Lori Buffum, Donna Mueller, Carol Paulson, Charles Winkler, Cindy Hobbs, Chris Morrison and Belinda Weatherly.

Project Updates were given.

September board meeting will be held August 30, 2018 location TBD. The next chapter meeting will be September 15, 2018 at the Winedale Historical Complex.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:34.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Esco
Chapter Secretary