

Texas Master Naturalist - Gideon Lincecum Chapter
September 15, 2018 Chapter Meeting
Winedale Historical Complex

Vice President Earl Mills called the meeting to order at 9:18. 42 members were present. Officers in attendance were Vice President Earl Mills, Secretary Linda Esco and Treasurer Leada Dietz.

B.R. Koehler made a motion to accept the July 21, 2018 chapter minutes without correction. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Executive Committee Updates:

Let Betsy know if you plan to attend the Texas Master Naturalist Convention. This will enable us to communicate with each other while at the conference.

Project leaders please start planning your budget needs for 2019. These are due for review in November.

Treasurer Report - Leada Dietz: Current balance is \$18,548.36. We have received five tuition payments for the 2019 training class. Chapter dues of \$20 are due January 1, 2019. You can pay by Pay Pal through the Gideon Lincecum Chapter website, in person with Leada or by sending a check to Leada Dietz at 6530 Sacred Heart Rd. Burton 77835.

Mill Creek Watershed testing equipment was been purchased and is housed at the Austin County NRCS office. Members can check out the testing equipment after they have received training in its use. Additional opportunities for training are planned for next year.

Membership - Linda Esco reported for Chris Morrison. Two members have recertified for 2018. Cindy Rodibaugh and Lefty Yarnold will be receiving their Ocelot pins.

Project Reports were given. Check the website for volunteer opportunities.

Please contact Charlotte Von Rosenberg with ideas regarding plants for the Blinn greenhouse. Also start collecting seeds, especially for any shade tolerant plants.

Cindy Hobbs solicited input from the group for plant suggestions for the Schubert House Project.

General Discussion:

The chapter welcomed Rebecca Hegar who has recently relocated from the Fort Worth area. Rebecca was a member of the Cross Timber Chapter and will be joining us at Gideon Lincecum.

We received a donation of a native bee box from the Central Texas Beekeeper Association located in Brenham. This will be used at the Winedale project.

Debbie Copeland shared her experience attending the Master Entomology Specialist program. The program varies in location and is very informative.

Toni Mason, site manager for the Winedale Historical Complex, spoke to the chapter about the recent drainage efforts and invited the group to visit the lake area and submit any suggestions for improvements to her office.

The Chapter Holiday Social is tentatively planned for December 9. Location, time and additional information will be forthcoming.

Our next chapter meeting will be November 17, 2018 at the Winedale Historical Complex. Advanced Training will be provided by Will Hood on the topic of Fire Prevention and Use. There will be two sessions - an hour indoor class and an outdoor walk around the grounds event.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Esco
Chapter Secretary