

Guadalupe Master Naturalists
Meeting Minutes
November 25, 2019

Clara Mae Marcotte introduced the program speakers, Francine and John Edson. They spoke to the chapter on the “Secret Lives of Bryophytes”.

President Tom Hardaway called the business meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

Francine Edson was awarded her recertification pin while Michelle Darnell received the bronze dragonfly pin for 250 hours of volunteer service.

Tom reported we are working on a current active/inactive roster of our chapter. You must have paid dues and be inputting your volunteer and advanced training time into the Volunteer Management System. The roster should be ready by the January 2020 meeting.

Tom also reminded members that there were Cocorahs rain gauges for sale for \$30. There was also a cheat sheet available to explain how to log into and enter data.

Committee Reports:

- Monthly Programs –Our December meeting will be the Holiday Social at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Marion on Monday, December 9, 6 p.m. David Person has volunteered to be in charge of the social.
- Training Course – Nothing reported
- Nature Education – Nancy Masterson handed out the 2020 Discovery Series schedule. She explained that we now have an expedited sign in for the Discovery Series classes and that there is a new version of the sign out in the office. She encouraged members to signup to work on the three new Discovery Series classes. Nancy also announced that Mark de Kiewiet is the new co-chair for the Nature Education committee. Tom will head up the “Walk with a Naturalist” walks in Park West. They will be held on Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. in February, March and April. We had one student complete all eight Young Naturalist classes. Sharon Frels will call a meeting of the Young Naturalist committee to review and improve our reward for the Young Naturalist.
- Citizen Science – Nancy will present Forest health recommendations from our group to the City of Seguin Parks Department. We will be meeting every Wednesday to work on various projects at Park West from 8:30-11 a.m. A 90-minute invasive species overview for Park West will be held after the first of the year for Advanced Training credit.
- Advanced Training – See above
- Communication – Nothing reported
- Membership/VMS – Nothing reported
- Fundraising – Nothing reported.
- Hospitality – Nothing reported.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Frels,
Secretary