

Guadalupe Master Naturalists
Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2020

Clara Mae Marcotte introduced Rebekah Rylander speaking on the topic “Discovering the Secret Social Lives of the Black-Crested Titmouse.”

President Tom Hardaway called the business meeting to order at 8:08 PM.

Treasurer John Edson reported a February balance of \$3,906.85.

Pam Sagebiel was thanked for the Chapter Directory she created. Copies are available for members.

President Hardaway announced copies of the 2020 committees, with the chairmen and their contact information, are on the check-in table.

Trina Martin received her recertification pin.

David Pearson, Class 5 member, was congratulated for completing his initial certification. He received his state certificate, dragonfly pin and permanent name tag.

Master Naturalist t-shirts were presented to Class 5 members David Benbow, Deborah Benbow and Seth Faught.

Committee Reports:

- Citizen Science - The iNaturalist Training session at Irma Lewis Seguin Outdoor Learning Center was announced. The class will be held on Monday, March 9, from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm and will be taught by Craig Hensley. A sign-up sheet is available.
- Nature Education - Nancy Masterson, Chairman, reported the current events of the committee. The February “Discover What’s Flying” program was very successful with large numbers of participants at both Crescent Bend and Seguin Public Library. The March Discover program will be “Clues and Traces.” She announced a new program currently under development, “Dinosaur Tracks and Tales,” with Michelle Darnell leading the team.

Walk With a Naturalist will begin at Park West on Tuesday, March 3. This adult education program will be held from 9:00 – 10:00 am each Tuesday during March and April. The focus of the program is to introduce adults to the Master Naturalist program and recruit students for the Fall 2020 Training class.

A bird blind work-day was held at Seguin Outdoor Learning Center with the construction of a water drip. A second work day will be held in March.

- Forest Health- Members are encouraged to assist in supervision of TLU students participating in the March 7 Day of the Dogs at Park West.

- Training Class - Marilyn Anderson, Chairman, announced the committee met on February 4. The 2020 Fall class will begin on Tuesday, August 11. It will be a night class [6:00 - 9:00 PM] in Schertz, TX.
- Program - Clara Mae Marcotte announced her son, Dr. Edward Marcotte, will be the guest speaker for the March 23 meeting.
- Advanced Training – Nothing reported
- Communication – Nothing reported
- Membership/VMS – Nothing reported
- Fundraising – Nothing reported.
- Hospitality – Nothing reported.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Anderson,
Substitute Secretary