

GMN Board Meeting

January 25, 2021

The virtual meeting started at 6:00pm. Marilyn Anderson, Michelle Darnell, Mark de Kiewet, Chris Dyess, Jennifer Ehlers, Nancy Masterson, Craig Sagebiel, Mary Styblo, and Cinde Thomas-Jimenez were in attendance. Tom Hardaway was unable to attend.

The minutes were approved as written.

Old Business: We discussed difficulties Master Naturalists have connecting to AgriLife's computer/wifi/etc. The board decided that when we meet at the AgriLife building we will ask Jeff Hanselka to ensure an IT person from AgriLife will be on hand to help with speaker set-up.

Once we can meet again in person monthly program & meeting will alternate between Seguin and Schertz.

Treasurer's Report: Craig Sagebiel reported for the month of January 2021 a starting balance of \$4232.48, dues from 6 members for total income of \$150.00, disbursements of \$37.89 to Mary Syblo for Hospitality and \$360.79 to Marilyn Anderson for the Training Class leaving an ending balance of \$3994.80, plus \$5 in savings.

Mark announced that the 2021 re-certification pin is Sideoats Gramma.

Reports of Committees:

Chapter Programs: Chris Dyess reported tonight's speaker is Evgenia Spears from Texas A&M speaking about "Watershed Management and Education". February's speaker will be Urs Kreuter, professor at TAMU presenting about "The Economic Value of Nature". April's speaker will be Craig Hensley reviewing how to use iNaturalist and talking about the City Nature Challenge, April 30-May 3.

Training Class: Marilyn Anderson reported the t-shirts for class 2020 participants arrived and are at AgriLife. Rebecca Leininger and Adrienne Bebow earned their certification.

There was a COVID-related delay getting name badges for the new class. The badges should arrive in 3 weeks. This committee still needs a new chairman.

There was discussion about a class in 2021. The board wants there to be a class.

Nature Ed: Nancy Masterson relayed that Discover Journaling will be presented at Crescent Bend on February 13. There will be no Discover presentation in February in Seguin due to COVID restrictions.

She announced that the Discover Series won 1st place with the Texas Festivals and Events Association; Schertz Parks Department had entered us without our knowledge. There will be a presentation at a later date.

Nancy suggested that we drop Walk With a Naturalist at Park West for 2020 because of the uncertainty of COVID restrictions.

Advanced Training: Cinde Thomas-Jimenez reminded us of all the other organizations whose programs and training count for AT for Master Naturalists.

The next board meeting will be at 6:30pm March 15, 2021 over Webex.

The annual planning meeting will be outside under cover at Chris Dyess', 2205 Lakewood Drive, Seguin on April 17, 2021 from 9:30a-12:30p. Members are asked to bring their own drinks and/or snacks.

Michelle Darnell moved and Nancy Masterson seconded that the meeting adjourn at 6:40pm.

Chris Dyess, secretary pro tem