

February 22, 2006  
HCMN Board Meeting

Present

Jane Crone, Betty Gardner, Kathryn Harrison, Ronald Hood, Susan Longacre, Marilyn Murrmann, Phyllis Muska, Sandy Pena, Bob Richie, Jim Stanley, Priscilla Stanley and Amy Sugeno.

The meeting was called to order by Jim Stanley at 2:00 PM on February 22, 2006.

Policy re Volunteer Hours for Other Organizations

MN's cannot work in a fundraising capacity for another organization and count those as MN volunteer hours. Even though we are not supposed to collect money or work in gift shops, there was a consensus among the board that we want to be flexible. Sandy suggested we bring this up at the regional retreat. It was moved by Jane and seconded by Betty to postpone action until the March meeting. Motion passed.

Status of Youth Protective Services Policy

This is still an issue in flux. The state would prefer that everyone be screened, but they are continuing to receive resistance for this policy. There was discussion as to the distinction between 'direct contact' like a sleep over and 'indirect contact' such as a presentation at The Old Tunnel. Jim asked the board to email him examples of each.

Bandera Home and Landscape Show

Ron asked for any volunteers to attend the Bandera show, April 8, 2006. This is the same date as the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Kerr County where we will also need volunteers and our display board and information re LMAP Program. Ron will send out an email to the membership at large for both events.

Amy Sugeno- Follow up on Advisor Issues

Amy brought her suggestions for advisors. The board will review them and felt they were very helpful. There may be an opportunity for advisors to meet at our state meetings.

Bandera NPSOT Chapter

The Bandera Garden Club (NPSOT Chapter) disbanded 1-2 years ago and they gave our MN chapter \$750.00 to be used for two specific projects. The state NPSOT wants to review this gift because they feel the monies may need to revert to the state unless the gift is counted as a grant to us.

Report from New Class Committee

Betty reported that her committee had worked up a preliminary class schedule which she distributed to the board. The importance of the volunteer aspect was to be stressed in the application. The committee goal is to have the final decisions made by mid March.

State Representative Council Rep

The state is seeking additional volunteer participation in their upcoming retreat in New Braunfels. The retreat's purpose is to review/discuss proposals for a new State Committee operational framework. Sandy is on the committee and will keep us informed.

Volunteer Representative Council Rep

There are two meetings a year. One is at the state meeting and the other is March 11, 2006 in Killeen. Each chapter can send two people. Sandy is going and Bob may join her.

Quarterly Newsletter

Is this something we want to do? The newsletter would consist of short articles that would be distributed generally. The board will think about this.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

The next meeting will be March 22, 2006.

Respectfully submitted

Kathryn N. Harrison, Chapter Secretary