

**Texas Master Naturalist - Hill Country Chapter
Board Meeting
October 17, 2012**

Present: Daneshu Clarke, Steve Clyburn, Sally Garrett, Eileen Gotke, Reidun Hilleman, Tom Hynes, Paula Smith, Priscilla Stanley, Floyd Trefny

Also Present: Carolyn Bean, Vern Crawford, Sandy Leyendecker

Absent: Anne Cassidy, Michelle Haggerty, Phyllis Muska

President Priscilla Stanley called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm.

Acceptance of Minutes for September 2012 Meeting: Paula Smith made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Steve Clyburn. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Floyd Trefny presented the Treasurer's Report. The summary report for September shows increased activity in the TMN holding account. \$40,000 was paid to Camp Allen for State Meeting expenses, which leaves approximately \$16,167.17 in the account.

For the Treasurer's Report, we had cleared transactions of \$700 in income mostly from Promotional Merchandise sales and expenses of \$511 for new class business. There are 11 outstanding transactions mostly for purchasing more merchandise for sales and some income not yet posted to our account. Our chapter bank balance currently is \$13,869.88 as of 10/17/12. A check to Bill Carr was cancelled.

Tom Hynes made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report; Paula Smith seconded. Motion carried.

The September Budget Report presented by Floyd shows that expenses are running under budget and income is over budget by \$480.67. Year-to-date comparisons from the beginning of the year through September 30, show an actual income of \$11,360.44 against forecast of \$10,975. Year-to-date expenses are \$8,456.62 actually spent against projected expenses of \$9,515.90.

The quarterly Sales Tax is due on promotional items. Gracie Waggener is in charge of promotional items and is doing a great job. Floyd will talk with Gracie and look into the profit margin to see if prices for items should be increased.

Update on Holiday Party: Tom Hynes reported Kent Rylander might be able to provide music and then members could prepare brief skits or tell jokes during the entertainment period.. Reidun Hilleman shared several flyers for the party and will give her phone number for RSVP's. Pat McCormick and Diane McMahon will go to Camp C.A.M.P. with Tom to see about the decorations. The cost per person will be \$12.00. Non-Kerr County members will be asked to bring an appetizer and the Kerr County members will furnish desserts. Walking tours and hiking the trails will be from 10-11:30 and the meal will be served at 11:30. Music and entertainment will be at 12:30 for 30-40 minutes and then more socializing and trail walks. Alcohol is not prohibited at Camp C.A.M.P. and Reidun will inform members when they RSVP. Tom appreciated the good announcement in the October newsletter

Fundraiser, Down by the Riverside Native Plant Sale & Nature Festival: Priscilla reported that the preliminary figures had just been given to her and it appeared the chapter would receive \$1641 as our share of the profit. These figures will be checked. The headlines in the Saturday issue of the Daily Times may have kept some people away with the threat of flooding. The triathlon also presented problems in people reaching RNC.

Donation to Texas Lions Camp: Daneshu Clarke and Priscilla Stanley brought up the rental and donation fees to be given to the Texas Lions Camp for allowing our chapter to use their large conference room for 12 weeks and allowing us to keep our class materials in the room. After discussion, Reidun Hilleman made the motion to pay \$500 to the Texas Lions Camp with 2 checks – one for \$175 rental fee and one for \$325 as a donation. The motion was seconded by Steve Clyburn. Motion passed. Daneshu will ask Steven King to come to the last class meeting to receive the checks.

Officers and Directors Reports

Daneshu Clarke: Daneshu reported KACC had informed her that the rental fees for the New Class Reception meeting August, 2013 would probably be increased. There are 3 classes left for this year's class. 33 out of 34 new class members will be attending commencement at Cibolo Nature Center on Nov. 14. A total of 60 people are expected to attend the commencement and pot luck lunch. The meat will be provided by Riverside Barbeque in Boerne. She asked if the chapter could pay for the meat. Reidun brought up the amount of left-over meat from last year and suggested we allow ¼ pound per person instead of 1/3 pound that Riverside had suggested. Tom Hynes made the motion to pay \$200 towards the meat. Reidun seconded the motion. The motion passed. Daneshu brought up the thank you note for the A Sand County Almanac books being given to each class member at commencement. It was decided a thank you note would be sent to David Langford.

Paula Smith: Paula inquired about how many members would be attending the State Meeting. It was estimated that 6-8 members would be there. She wanted to be sure they voted for the 3 chapter publications that are up for awards. An e-mail to all members will be sent out asking for home volunteer projects Karla Trefny can do while recuperating with her broken leg and further notification concerning the details of the Holiday Party.

Eileen Gotke: Eileen reported there are 2 members who are being recertified and 4 milestones to be awarded at the October meeting.

Sally Garrett: No report.

Steve Clyburn: There are 165 AT codes which have assigned to date. Guadalupe River State Park is having 12-15 Advanced Training activities in November.

Reidun Hilleman: Reidun is still working on new project codes for projects in neighboring counties that abut our 4 county area that are in support of TPWD. The two projects involved at this time are one in Kimble County and one in Edwards County. The Western Edwards Plateau Chapter covers both Kimble and Edwards counties, but is currently inactive.

Tom Hynes: Tom requested feedback from those attending Craig Hensley's presentation at the State Meeting. He is considering him as a speaker in 2013. He also pointed out the article for the October 22 meeting came out three week prior to the meeting. Paula Smith stated that the notices are sent to the area newspapers and they select the time they are printed. On October 22, the speaker will be Dr. Carter Keairns of the UTSA Graduate Teaching Faculty, talking on Oil & Gas Well Drilling in Texas.

Priscilla Stanley: Priscilla stated Riverside Nature Center was requesting help from our chapter members to help staff the office. The board discussed the situation and decided it was still appropriate for it to be a volunteer project as it would be outreach for both organizations. It was suggested that members wear some type of TMN identification while volunteering in the office. Priscilla also reported that the application for Volunteer Project Grant Requests, approved at the September Board meeting, is now on the chapter website.

Floyd Trefny: Floyd asked how to approach the 2013 Budget. It will be placed on the November agenda so the budget can be prepared before 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 PM.

The next meeting will be **Monday, November 12 at 1:30 PM at RNC.**

Please note time difference!!

Respectfully Submitted,
Sandy Leyendecker
Substituting as Secretary