

Brenda called the Meeting to order at 2:30pm and welcomed guests

Members Present: Brenda Fest, Craig Childs, Ann Dietert, Lisa Flanagan, Tom Harrigan, Claire Mitchell, David Davies, Reggie Cox, Paula Harley, Vern Crawford

Guests: Larry Eskridge, Bridgett Langdale, Becky Etzler, Kay Harter, Sharon Hixon

Operational

Minutes from Sept. 25- Kathy Ward for Secretary Kris Bobbitt- Lisa made a motion to accept the minutes and Ann Dietert seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Reports- Ann Dietert, Treasurer. Kathy Ward made a motion to accept the report and Vern Crawford seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Vice President's Report on Programs- Craig Childs. The speakers are all set for Oct. and Nov. and tentatively Jan. and Feb. The spring AT event, the South Llano State Park Field Trip is on hold for the time being. The fall AT meeting on Oct. at the Patrick Heath Public Library in Boerne is progressing.

Strategic Initiatives

RNC Plant Sale-Becky Etzler announced that the Fall Riverside Nature Center Plant Sale, a Hill Country Project is Oct. 7 and the support of Master Naturalists is needed. A representative that is representing only the Chapter is needed on the Plant Sale Board. Sharon Hixon is on the Board, but she is representing Riverside Nature Center. She wanted the plant sale announced at the Chapter Meeting and as well as the need for help.

Kerr Schreiner Park raised-bed milkweed demonstration bed- Larry Eskridge displayed a drawing of the plan to renovate the garden. The estimated cost of the garden is \$1400. There is a donation of \$500 for the garden from Mobile Exxon resulting from the volunteer work of a member, so \$900 is still needed. A discussion followed concerning the cost and how to raise the money. Larry asked if any of the money could come from the 2018 budget when it is discussed.

Apache Tree Grant Program- Brenda said the new members are ready to plant their trees when they arrive. She asked Riverside Nature Center to allow the trees to be delivered at the center. Arrangements for wire cages have been made.

C.A.R.E.- Bridget reviewed what the committee has accomplished with the celebration of awards at Mamacita's, the calling of awardees, taking pictures, and publishing the Special Awards in both the Newsletter as well as other papers with consent. Two people need to be in charge of this if it is continued. She is turning this part of the awards over to David Davies for the remaining months of 2017. Concerning retention, they examined the classes of 2014, 2015, 2016 and Edwards Plateau to see how many were active and how many were still in Training or not Certified. They contacted by phone those who were not active. Most had not become a member because of missed class work or field trips. To avoid this problem, there is now a Coordinator to help those who miss a class find a suitable replacement as soon as possible. The class director (as well as mentors) should be alert to this through December 31 of the following year. More AT's as well as volunteer projects should be provided to those in the Edwards Plateau former chapter area.

Director's Reports

Membership- Lisa Flanagan: Everything moving smoothly.

Advanced Training – Tom Harrigan: So far there have been 233 ATS.

Volunteer Projects- Claire Mitchell: Nothing new.

Communications- David Davies: Rack cards are available. Send email to Communications if some are needed.

New Class- Reggie Cox: Everything is good.

Resource Development

Chapter and State TMN Documents-Brenda read the changes we had made in the COH Appendix A that was sent to the members. The completed document will be read to the Meeting tonight.

Holiday Party- Craig announced that reservations have been confirmed for the YO Hotel and Conference Center in the Spanish Oak Room for December 9, 2017. The committee will send out more information later.

Silent Auction items should be taken to Annual Meeting.

Next year's budget- Discussion postponed to next Board Meeting.

Review Decisions- Minutes and Treasurer's reports approved.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Ward for Kris Bobbitt