

Texas Master Naturalist, Hill Country Chapter Board Meeting

Riverside Nature Center

Monday May 21, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 2:37 PM by President Lisa Flanagan. A quorum was present.

**Members present:** Lisa Flanagan, Craig Childs, Cathy Binney, Susan Clark, Reggie Cox, Paula Harley, Katy Kappel, Leslie Hannah, Claire Mitchell, Brenda Fest.

**Members absent:** David Davies, Vern Crawford, Michelle Haggerty, Roy Walston.

**Operational:**

1. Brenda moved and Reggie seconded to approve the minutes from both March and April. The motion passed.
2. Cathy explained that our insurance bills are now paid by direct billing. She stated that Sarah Hilburn requested a change of designation for her Exxon grants from the Junction pollinator garden to the LBJ Municipal Park pollinator garden. Susan moved and Paula seconded to approve the financial reports. The motion passed.
3. Craig gave a review of the July speaker Dr. Masser on invasive water species. He also stated that he expected a big crowd for tonight's speaker on Chronic Wasting Disease.

**Directors' Reports:**

1. **Membership:** Reggie reported that we have 12 complete applications and she has been talking with about 15 more people considering an application. The application will not be deleted from the website right at the deadline and we will meet on July 16 to review the applications. The regular chapter meeting will be on the 23 with no board meeting that day. The mentor meeting will be Aug. 1
2. **AT:** Paula reported that we have about the same number of ATs as last year at this time.
3. **Volunteer Training:** Claire reported that all is going well. She also stated that she will resign at the end of the year to pursue other volunteer opportunities.
4. **Communications:** Lisa reported for David saying that he will do radio spots again as well as newspaper articles. Brenda suggested that he go online to San Antonio Public Radio to get a spot.
5. **New Class:** Leslie reported that everything is on track for the upcoming class and she praised her committee for all their hard work. She requested input from the board regarding books to be given to class speakers. Since several already have Jim Stanley's book, she asked for permission to give the others the Selah book at a higher cost. Brenda moved and Reggie seconded to approve \$120 for the extra book expense. The motion passed.

**Resource Development:**

1. **Dues:** A discussion of the pros and cons of membership dues was held. It was suggested that it be on the retreat agenda for the end of the year. Katy will write up a blurb for the newsletter informing the membership of the possibility of dues and requesting feedback.
2. **Video Project:** Interviews have been conducted. Brenda suggested including photos of master naturalists in action.
3. **Christmas Party:** Craig stated that the cost of the ticket will cover the cost of the meal this year. He asked for input on the location and the entertainment. It was decided that the YO was a good location and Craig will set it up for Dec. 8. Two suggestions for entertainment were made: a member talent show and a silent auction. Lisa will write something in the newsletter about both asking for feedback from the membership.
4. **Other ideas:**
  - a. A discussion was held regarding the surplus funds. Cathy reviewed the purpose of a budget.
  - b. Katy presented a proposal from Larry Eskridge regarding a raised pollinator garden at Schreiner Park. The cost will be \$4000. A discussion was held regarding ways to get grant money for this project.
  - c. LMAP: In response to Donna Dutton's email to board members, a discussion was held regarding LMAP training. Lisa will review the possibility of more training with Jim Stanley.
  - d. Annual report: Lisa will check with Michelle on how we can get back to getting a chapter annual report.
5. The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Clark, Secretary