

Texas Master Naturalist, Hill Country Chapter Board Meeting
Riverside Nature Center
February 25, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Lisa Flanagan at 2:30 PM. A quorum was present.

Members present: Lisa Flanagan, Craig Childs, Cathy Binney, Reggie Cox, Carla Stang, Brenda Fest, Paula Harley, Katy Kappel, Catherine Gauldin, Steve Ramirez, Vern Crawford.

Members absent: Tom Burke, Michelle Haggerty, Roy Walston.

Guests: None

Operational:

1. The minutes of the Jan. 28, 2019 meeting were approved on a motion by Vern Crawford, seconded by Steve Ramirez.
2. In her Treasurer's report Cathy pointed out a shortfall in the Love Creek account but that a payment from Exxon is expected March 15. This is part of a grant of \$2000 secured by Sarah Hilburn. The rest will arrive in the fall. Brenda asked if we will be managing the Pollinator Garden account, which contains money provided by NPSOT. There have been two \$25 payments to that account from completed Pollinator Gardens. Katy moved and Catherine seconded a motion to accept the budget and Treasurer's report as submitted. The motion passed.
3. Craig submitted the following schedule:

March: David Langford: Seasons at Selah

April: William (Bill) Runyon, Texas CoCoRaHS State Coordinator

May: Michelle Crawford, Texas Wild Rice- original research

June: Jonah Evans Topic TBD

July: Kevin Deiters of Trail Tamers, Basics of Trail Construction

August: New trainee reception

Katy suggested that Craig contact www.firefly.org for a September presentation. He has scheduled an INaturalist presentation at Roberts Ranch for March 16.

4. Reggie reported that she has had 19 inquiries so far. The survey is not ready yet.
5. Paula reported that there have been 86 ATs set up so far this year.
6. Catherine has distributed all but 43 of the new class rack cards. Paula will take some to Rock Springs. There was discussion of better ways to get the word out, although most students heard about the class from a previous student. Steve has volunteered to write some newspaper articles and send them to Catherine for submission.
7. Carla reported that all class sites are reserved, and most speakers confirmed. Suggestions were given for a substitute for Steve Nalle, who cannot come this year.

Strategic Initiatives:

1. On income diversification:
 - Lisa brought a donation jar and will talk about it at the membership meeting. She will also point out the "Donate" button on the website tonight.
 - Reggie reported that we can use the UGRA meeting room for a showing of "Green Fire" as a fundraiser. Our copy is licensed. Katy will work on scheduling a daytime showing in early June. Cathy will check on obtaining a "Square" to enable us to take credit cards at the event.
2. On class enrollment, there was again discussion of holding open houses and Paula has agreed to work on this. Katy will table at South Llano River State Park during the Birding Fest April 27. There was discussion of using Facebook to point people to the chapter website, and to unify class members with their own closed group, which would include mentors and Board members. Steve will work on this.
3. No new VMS reporting has been accomplished.
4. Reggie will check out the Hunt Volunteer Fire Department building as a possible site for our 2019 Volunteer Recognition party.

Resource Development:

The pollinator garden in Utopia has begun.

The decisions were reviewed, and the meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Katy Kappel, secretary