

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

The meeting was called to order by President Lisa Flanagan at 2:30PM. 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, and Claire Mitchell attended because Tom has not yet been able to take over the Volunteer Projects duties.

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

Guests: None

Operational:

1. The minutes of the Feb. 25, 2019 meeting were amended to reflect that the pollinator garden discussed is in Utopia, not Uvalde, then approved on a motion by Steve Ramirez, seconded by Claire Mitchell.
2. Treasurer Cathy Binney reported that she will clear the \$200 refund check from last year by adding it to the membership fund. The check to Bamberger Ranch is apparently lost and will be reissued. Katy moved and Steve seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted. The motion passed.
3. Craig reported that there have been no speaker changes. He is pursuing possible sites for the Volunteer Appreciation party, including a new events center in Comfort.
4. Reggie is sending reminders to potential students who have called her regarding the class. There was discussion of modifying language regarding the expectation of 40 hours of service annually. Steve will work on that, as well as clarifying the physical challenges of the class.
5. Paula explained how to submit a possible AT for approval.
6. Claire has been working on project codes with Kristie and explained the need to refrain from acronyms in our project descriptions.
7. Catherine has done a video for the website. She plans another to play at outreach events to recruit new students. There was discussion of outreach events in Mason and Junction. Steve has written an article which Catherine has sent to several papers.
8. Carla is still considering possible geology instructors. Steve has developed a closed Facebook group page for the new class.

Strategic Initiatives:

1. On income diversification:
 - Lisa will continue to discuss the donation jar at the membership meetings. Brenda will research how to add a dedication ability to the "Donate" button on the website. It is expected that there will be donations in honor of Priscilla Stanley and folks also need to be able to specify which project they are supporting.
 - After some discussion, the showing of "Green Fire" as a fundraiser will be scheduled for 2pm on Friday, June 7 at the UGRA facility. We will take only cash and checks for \$10. Katy will check on licensure, since Becky Etzler will let us use the RNC copy.
2. On class enrollment, there was again discussion of holding open houses. 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. There will be tables at the Friday Farmers' market and at both upcoming plant sales.
3. Brenda presented a four- page summary of the end of year survey results; lots of food for thought.
4. Mentor involvement will be encouraged through the new class Facebook page. Other suggestions were "how's it going" emails and a "Mentor of the Year" award.

The decisions were reviewed, and the meeting adjourned at 4:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Katy Kappel, Secretary

Approved April 22, 2019