

Texas Master Naturalist, Hill Country Chapter Board Meeting  
Riverside Nature Center  
May 20, 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, Tom Burke, Catherine Gauldin, and Steve Ramirez.

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

Guests: None

Operational:

1. The minutes of the April 22, 2019 meeting were approved on a motion by Tom Burke, seconded by Carla Stang.
2. Treasurer Cathy Binney reported that 22 new students have paid for the class. She has received a check for \$250 in honor of Priscilla Stanley and one for \$25 in honor of Chris Leinhard. That one is designated for the Urban Trail. There was discussion of using Amazon Smile, Facebook, and Thrivent Financial as income sources. Cathy has agreed to demonstrate the bookkeeping software that she has discovered at our next meeting. Katy moved and Paula seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted. The motion passed.
3. Craig reported that Jonah Evans will speak at the June meeting, and Trailmakers in July. He is looking for speakers for the rest of the year.
4. Membership:  
Reggie is has received 25 applications and is talking to other potential students who have called her regarding the class.
5. Paula has concluded that there are other opportunities for First Aid/CPR for Master Naturalists, and we would not sponsor an AT. AT numbers have been assigned to the new class dates, and other chapter members may attend again if there is space.
6. Tom has been working with Kristie to preload project descriptions that can be entered in VMS. The Los Rincones field day was poorly attended due to bad weather.
7. Catherine passed out copies of her latest video to play at outreach events to recruit new students. Paula has not found an appropriate outreach event in Mason. Katy tabled at the birding fest in Junction last month, and at a craft sale there last Saturday. Catherine still needs photos of members at work on their projects. She would like to do more media that shows our collective accomplishments.
8. Carla reported that the class schedule is complete. Volunteers are manning the chapter table at the Friday night Farmers Market and last week were interviewed for a local paper. Katy proposed that we stop using Styrofoam plates for the classes and will bring cost estimates for plastic plate holders and paper plates to the next meeting. Mentor recruitment is ongoing, and the mentor meeting will be held after the candidate selection which will take place at our July meeting on the 15th.

**Strategic Initiatives:**

1. Lisa will announce the showing of "Green Fire", scheduled for 2 pm on Friday, May 31 at the UGRA auditorium. We will take only cash and checks for \$10. The Leopold Foundation has approved our use of the RNC copy. Brenda will handle the projection equipment and Jim Stanley has agreed to lead the discussion. Catherine has sent out the press releases and posters were placed at the library, RNC, and Wild Birds Unlimited. Board members will bring baked items for further donations (Catherine, Paula, Lisa, Cathy, and Katy) and Brenda will bring water and cups. Katy will provide door prizes.
2. Craig reported that planning for a Jr. Master Naturalist program at Roberts Ranch is ongoing.
3. After discussion, Craig agreed to explore the type of laptop, software and sound equipment that we might request through a grant application or consider in the year end budgeting process.
4. The Board has set a date for the Volunteer Recognition event to be Dec. 7, 2019 on a motion by Craig and second by Reggie.

The next Board meeting will be June 24, 2019 at 2:30 at the RNC.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Katy Kappel, Secretary