

Texas Master Naturalist, Hill Country Chapter Board Meeting
Riverside Nature Center
June 24, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Lisa Flanagan at 2:55 PM. A quorum was present.

Members present: Lisa Flanagan, Craig Childs, Cathy Binney, Carla Stang, Brenda Fest, Paula Harley, Katy Kappel, and Tom Burke.

Members absent: Catherine Gauldin, Reggie Cox, Steve Ramirez, Vern Crawford, Michelle Haggerty, Roy Walston.

Guests: None

Operational:

1. The minutes of the May 20, 2019 meeting were approved on a motion by Paula, seconded by Brenda. The spelling of the name of tonight's speaker was corrected to "Jonah".
2. Treasurer Cathy Binney reported that 31 new students have paid for the class. Reports were produced in the new software "Nonprofit Treasurer" which she is recommending we use. There is no cost. Katy moved and Tom seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and approve use of the new software. The motion passed.
3. Craig reported that Kevin Deiters of Trail Tamers will speak at our meeting in July. Speakers for the rest of the year are not yet scheduled.
4. Membership:
There was discussion of recruiting additional mentors. If one is unable to attend the opening reception, we will plan another person to introduce new students. Mentor meeting will be in early August. There are two scholarship applicants and one applicant from our Farmers Market outreach.
5. AT- nothing to report.
6. Tom and Brenda discussed the problem encountered updating project descriptions and deleting inactive projects. Sometimes adequate notice has not been given and some projects are seasonal, but time limited. Tom will continue to work with Kristi and Sandy.
7. Catherine was not present but has submitted a report of her activities (attached).
8. Carla reported that the class schedule is complete. She is pursuing 3 speaker bios. Speaker gift bags will be purchased, not individually decorated. Katy brought cost estimates for plastic plate holders and paper plates and will inventory supplies with Mildred on July 5. It was decided that if there are not 40 applicants by June 30, Carla will notify Kristi to extend the deadline to July 14 on the website. Candidate selection will take place at our July meeting on the 15th.

Strategic Initiatives:

1. The showing of Green Fire produced only \$264 income due to the failure of the newspaper to print our press releases. Catherine has discussed this with them.
2. Craig and Brenda were designated as a committee to pursue purchasing a laptop and projector to a total of \$2000 on a motion by Brenda and second by Katy. They are testing projectors today, since he just purchased one. We no longer need to purchase budgeting software. They will explore laptop options and prices so that Katy can develop a grant proposal to purchase and this will be considered in the year end budgeting process.
3. These are additional suggestions for venues for the Volunteer Recognition event Dec. 7, 2019: Camp Capers and Joshua Creek Ranch near Waring, Don Strange Ranch and Camp CAMP. Craig will follow up.

The next Board meeting will be July 15, 2019 at 2:30 at the RNC.

The decisions were reviewed, and the meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Katy Kappel, secretary