

Texas Master Naturalist, Hill Country Chapter Board Meeting  
Riverside Nature Center  
August 19, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Lisa Flanagan at 2:35 PM. A quorum was present.

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

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

Guests: None

**Operational:**

1. The minutes of the July 15, 2019 meeting were approved on a motion by Katy, seconded by Brenda.
2. Treasurer Cathy Binney reported that 36 new students have paid, and there are two auditors. Two were late registers. There was discussion of increasing the tuition amount for late registration. Paula moved and Tom seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion passed. The "Square" credit card acceptance device is being used by Gracie to deposit purchase money to our account.
3. Craig reported no changes in the speaker schedule. Possible future subjects could be archaeology or bird boxes.

**Strategic Initiatives:**

1. Lisa presented each officer with a magnetic tag stating their position on the Board. They are to be passed on to whomever takes that position next year. Cost was \$6 each, and if lost, that person will reimburse the chapter. This was approved by an email vote by the Board during the past month.
2. Lisa also suggested purchase of advertising in Kerr County People Magazine. After much discussion, it was decided that Catherine will explore options for paid advertising to present to the Board. There was discussion of whether there was a need for paid advertising.
3. After discussion of the State Conference scholarship, it was decided that the annual scholarship of \$75 should be awarded to the chapter President, or his/her designee. On a motion by Katy, seconded by Brenda, the resolution passed.
4. Brenda reported that the Apache grant will award us 80 trees. The cost of protective cages and stakes will come to \$560. This expense can be covered by the new class budget. There was discussion of soliciting donations of wire, asking students to pay for the cages, or raising the class fee next year. Katy and Paula will explore the possibility of donations.

**Directors Reports**

1. AT- nothing to report.
2. Reggie was not present for a Membership report. However, four students have not had their criminal background check because they did not complete the VMS registration. This must be done by Wednesday and laptops will be brought to the reception tonight.
3. Tom reported that the Garner pollinator garden and the invasive cane (*Arundo donax*) survey under UGRA are moving forward.
4. Catherine will adapt a video presentation for use at the December volunteer appreciation event. There was discussion of possible goals for our outreach; new students or donations?
5. Carla discussed the new class Facebook site and several Board members had not signed on yet. The new class is ready to start.

**Resource Development**

1. Brenda and Lisa urged everyone to attend the annual meeting in Rockwall in October.
2. Craig reported that the venue at St. Mark's Presbyterian in Boerne has been reserved for Dec. 7. Tom Burke has donated the \$300 fee and Craig will engage Lee Hale to provide entertainment. There was an email vote authorizing this site last month. It appears the cost to attendees will be in the \$8-10 range. Catherine will work on a slide show and Craig will do a homily. There was discussion of recognizing outstanding volunteers, as well as those with the most AT and volunteer hours during 2019. Plans will be finalized by the Sept. meeting.

The next Board meeting will be September 23, 2019 at 2:30 at the RNC.

The decisions were reviewed, and the meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Katy Kappel, Secretary