

Texas Master Naturalist, Hill Country Chapter Board Meeting  
Riverside Nature Center  
September 23, 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, Carla Stang, Brenda Fest, Paula Harley, Katy Kappel, Reggie Cox, Vern Crawford, and Catherine Gauldin.  
Members absent: Cathy Binney, Steve Ramirez, Tom Burke, Michelle Haggerty, Roy Walston.  
Guests: Larry Eskridge, Lenore Langsdorf

**Member Request**

Larry Eskridge had submitted a report on his concerns about the Schreiner pollinator garden. It is attached. After much discussion, it was suggested that Board members accompany Larry to talk to city personnel about their responsibility to repair the shed and watering system. He will evaluate the garden and perhaps scale back the frequency of irrigation or the area that we maintain. If the parks department is not invested, this project may be terminated.

**Operational:**

1. The minutes of the August 19, 2019 meeting were approved on a motion by Katy, seconded by Reggie.
2. Treasurer Cathy Binney was not present but reported by email: We received the \$300 donation from Tom Burke for the volunteer recognition event. Craig Childs was reimbursed for paying for the venue. Post office box rent of \$80 was paid (Treasurer expense). One payment of \$195.30 from the final new class applicant via Amazon posted to the bank account in September. That should be final receipt for the new class. Class expenses and reimbursements continue. The financial report was approved on a motion by Vern, seconded by Catherine.
3. Craig reported no changes in the speaker schedule. He is looking for a February speaker.

**Strategic Initiatives:**

1. Brenda brought up her concern that the activities at Herff Farm do not conform to our mission to promote nature projects but are more agricultural. Tom Burke will investigate this with project director Rheda Boardman.

**Directors Reports**

1. Paula reported that we have had 215 Advanced Training events so far this year.
2. Reggie described changes in the chapter agreement with UGRA. 50% of the new plants died due to improper planting and mulching by the contractor. After we replant 150 plants this week, our chapter will only be responsible for the pollinator garden at one end of the property.
3. No volunteer project report. Tom Burke was not present.
4. Catherine discussed her investigation into paid advertising. There are many options, but even if we budgeted, by paying one we might ruin our opportunities for free ads in other publications. She recommends that we look for festival or other vendor opportunities and will send out a list of possible events. She encouraged members to speak at Rotary or other meetings.
5. The 2019 class is going well. Carla commented on the enthusiasm of the students.

**Resource Development**

1. Lisa will purchase and transport the textbooks for next year's class from the Annual Meeting in Rockwall. It was decided to purchase 45, on a motion by Vern, seconded by Brenda.
2. The date of the Volunteer Appreciation event has been changed to Dec. 14 at St. Mark Presbyterian in Boerne. Save the Date information will go out and Craig will finalize arrangements.

The next Board meeting will be October 28, 2019 at 2:30 at RNC.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Katy Kappel, secretary