

Texas Master Naturalist, Hill Country Chapter Board Meeting
Riverside Nature Center
October 28, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Lisa Flanagan at 2:36 PM. A quorum was present.

Members present: Lisa Flanagan, Craig Childs, Carla Stang, Brenda Fest, Paula Harley, Katy Kappel, Reggie Cox, Cathy Binney, and Catherine Gauldin.

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

Guests: Elsa Roberts

Operational:

1. The minutes of the September 23, 2019 meeting were approved on a motion by Brenda, seconded by Catherine.
2. Treasurer Cathy Binney presented a financial report that shows a balance of \$1134 of income over expenses. The proceeds of the plant sale of \$1848 had not been booked. There is \$300 remaining in the budget for the Volunteer Appreciation party. The report was approved on a motion by Paula, seconded by Brenda.

Informal audit of the 2019 financial records will take place at 1 pm before the December Board meeting. It will be conducted by the Vice President, Secretary, New Class Representative, and outgoing and incoming Treasurers.

3. Craig proposed that we keep the cost of the Dec. 14 party to \$10 by the Board picking up and serving a meal provided by the Hungry Horse caterer. This was approved and Lisa will begin selling tickets at tonight's meeting. Craig will investigate the best option for the drink table, flatware, and plates. We can provide a sound system if the church does not have one. Carla will ask the new class if anyone wants to create a table centerpiece; Paula has offered one. About 10 are needed. As part of the program, Brenda will donate a quilt to be awarded to Michelle in appreciation. Lisa will seek door prizes. Carla will handle putting a ticket under a chair at each table to award the centerpieces.

Strategic Initiatives:

1. The Board Retreat is scheduled for Jan. 11, 2020 at Brenda's and Gary's home. Start time is 9 am. Potluck lunch to follow. Incoming and outgoing Board members to attend.
2. A representative of the Hill Country Land Trust contacted Lisa regarding a possible partnership with the LMAP. She referred them to Jim Stanley for more discussion

Directors Reports

1. Paula had some email issues in contacting members re AT. She will explore using VMS for notices.
2. Reggie has received the warbler pins. She will email the mentor survey to Carla for the class to complete.
3. No volunteer project report. Tom Burke was not present. Kristi has notified us that 99.6% of members are reporting hours and 93.6% of projects are showing activity. She again stressed that no hours will be recorded after 45 days have passed.
4. Catherine passed out more publicity cards.
5. Carla reported that Cheryl Pender is interested in serving as the 2020 Class Manager and several students are interested in the New Class Committee. 12 members have already met the certification requirements. Aldo Leopold books cannot be obtained from the usual source so we will pay a little extra to get them from Amazon. There was discussion of details of the graduation meal. There was discussion of the committee taking over the Apache tree program; transporting trees, purchasing wire, etc. since Brenda and Gary have done it for 3 years.

Resource Development

1. Lisa has purchased 45 class books at the state conference.
2. The Board approved the 2020 nominations: Elsa Roberts for President, Katy Kappel Vice President, Nancy Scoggins Treasurer, and Jeralyn Hathorn Secretary. Motion by Craig, seconded by Cathy.

The next Board meeting will be November 25, 2019 at 2:30 at the RNC.

The decisions were reviewed, and the meeting adjourned at 4:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Katy Kappel, secretary