

Texas Master Naturalist, Hill Country Chapter Board Meeting
Riverside Nature Center
November 25, 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, Tom Burke, Katy Kappel, Reggie Cox, and Cathy Binney.

Members absent: Vern Crawford, Steve Ramirez, Paula Harley, Michelle Haggerty, Roy Walston, and Catherine Gauldin.

Guest: Elsa Roberts

Operational:

1. The minutes of the October 28, 2019 meeting were approved on a motion by Cathy, seconded by Tom.
2. Treasurer Cathy Binney presented the financial report. There is one outstanding invoice. Proceeds from the Silent Auction and other Volunteer Appreciation party income and expenses will be reported next month. The report was approved on a motion by Reggie, seconded by Tom.
3. Informal audit of the 2019 financial records will take place at 1 pm on December 16 at the RNC. It will be conducted by the Vice President, Secretary, New Class Representative, and outgoing and incoming Treasurers.
4. Vice President Craig reported on party arrangements. There had been some announcements that it will be BYOB, but this is not permitted at the church. Announcements will be corrected. Craig and Brenda will coordinate on the program. Ruth will handle tablecloths. Carla and new class are doing centerpieces which will be awarded to the folks sitting in the marked chair. Brenda will bring water and unsweet tea. We will purchase place settings from the caterer at \$1 per person, and dessert at \$2 per person. Board members will serve. Others will help Katy with silent auction. Lisa has obtained several door prizes. Reggie and Cathy will hand out tickets at the door. Cathy will also handle money and credit cards for the silent auction. The deadline for reservations is Dec. The program will include recognition of Cathy Downs and Larry Eskridge and Paula will recognize those with most AT and volunteer hours
5. Peggy Sechrist will speak at the Jan. or Feb. meeting on soil.

Strategic Initiatives:

1. The Board Retreat is scheduled for 9 am on Jan. 11, 2020 at Brenda's and Gary's home. Potluck lunch to follow. Incoming and outgoing Board members to attend. We will brainstorm agenda next month.
2. Re emails to members: Using VMS requires onerous training. We will continue using Google, which allows only one email to 500 folks per month.
3. There will be an article in the newsletter regarding approval of volunteer hours.

Directors Reports

1. Paula was not present. Only 4 more AT hours are available for 2019.
2. Reggie has received the warbler pins. There was discussion of the need to clarify "special recertification" in Chapter manuals and approving AT awards; does the entire membership need to be informed of the opportunity.
3. Tom Burke reported on his work with Kristie to be sure that all opportunities are on the dropdown list. We can report hours on TPWD projects outside our area.
4. Catherine was not present but submitted the attached report.
5. Carla reported that Cheryl Pender is the 2020 Class Manager and several students are interested in the New Class Committee. Frank Garcia will be the new class representative to the Board for 2020. 2 students still need to complete their class hours. Carla suggested we look at whether we really need 100 hours of training when the state requires only 40.

Resource Development

1. Lisa has purchased 45 class books at the state conference.
2. Elections tonight: Candidates are: 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 December 16, 2019 at 2:30 at the RNC.
The decisions were reviewed, and the meeting adjourned at 4:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Katy Kappel, secretary

(Approved Dec. 16, 2019)