

Texas Master Naturalist, Hill Country Chapter Board Meeting
Riverside Nature Center
December 16, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Lisa Flanagan at 2:33 PM. A quorum was present.

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

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

Guests: Elsa Roberts, Jeralyn Hathorn, Sheryl Pender, Deborah Youngblood and Nancy Scoggins.

Operational:

1. The minutes of the November 25, 2019 meeting were approved on a motion by Tom, seconded by Craig.
2. Treasurer Cathy Binney presented the financial report. It appears that we will end the year under budget. The Appreciation party cost \$210, while 300 had been budgeted. The silent auction netted \$1470. The report was approved on a motion by Craig, seconded by Tom. Cathy submitted the proposed 2020 budget. Nancy requested additional funds for postage, which raised the budgeted expenses to \$17,420. Budgeted income is \$17,810. The budget was approved on a motion by Tom, seconded by Craig.
Informal audit of the 2019 financial records was accomplished today by Craig Childs, Katy Kappel, Cathy Binney, and Nancy Scoggins. The following summary was read to the Board:
"The audit committee audited the State Holding and Regular Checking Accounts and verified receipts and deposits against the bank statements. No discrepancies were found. There are four outstanding checks and one outstanding deposit."
The incoming and outgoing President and Treasurer will go to the bank with a board resolution to change the signatories on our accounts.
3. Vice President Craig reported that 66 people attended our Volunteer Appreciation party on the 14th. There was some discussion of using this site next year, or rotation to another county. Katy requested committee members to help plan for 2020.
Peggy Sechrist will speak at the January meeting on soil and water and Craig Childs will present on feral hogs in February.

Strategic Initiatives:

1. The Board Retreat is scheduled for 9am on Jan 11, 2020 at Brenda's and Gary's home. Potluck lunch to follow. Incoming and outgoing Board members to attend. Brenda will check on whether Roy Walston should be considered a voting member of the Board.
2. Re: emails to members: We will continue using Google, which allows only one email to 500 folks per month.

Directors Reports

1. Reggie was not present. Elsa has a possible candidate for Membership Director.
2. Tom Burke reported on the development of a new project monitoring cedar pollen. This can be done on a person's own property.
3. Catherine will continue as Communications director next year. She is working on an interview of Kathy Ward and is planning to table at the NPSOT spring symposium in February. She needs 1000 more rack cards and distributors. Jan Arterbury is helping with outreach. Carla volunteered to table at the Friday farmers market in Kerrville.
4. The New Class committee meets tomorrow. Sheryl read the list of committee members. There was discussion on the cost of wire cages for new class trees. This will be on the retreat agenda.

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 January 20, 2020 at 2:30 at the RNC.

The decisions were reviewed, and the meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Katy Kappel, Secretary