

September 27, 2021  
TMN Hill Country Chapter board meeting minutes

Present: Elsa Roberts, Katy Kappel, Carla Stang, Billy Guinn, Anne Ryan, Nancy Scoggins, Lisa Flannagan, Deb Youngblood, Vern Crawford, Trudy Eberhardt

Absent: Catherine Gauldin, Tom Burke, Carra Miliken, Jeralyn Hathorn

Elsa called the meeting to order at 2:32pm.

**Minutes** from August board meeting were approved, Katy motioned and Carla seconded.

**Treasurers report** for August was approved, Billy motioned and Carla seconded.

### **Vice president report-Katy**

A member has offered to pay up to \$1000 to cover meals at December volunteer appreciation lunch. Katy wants to have music at the December event, discussion ensued, no vote was taken. Deferred decision to a later board meeting.

October speakers want to be live at UGRA. Discussion. Katy motioned to hold the October meeting live, then Deb brought up practicing hybrid meeting before actual meeting. Discussed pros and cons. Anne then seconded Katy's motion. Motion passed with 1 no and 1 abstention.

Katy will announce the December recognition event and the October meeting via website and newsletter.

Elsa said the November meeting will be on Zoom.

### **New Class Report-Anne Ryan**

Ann discussed the 2022 new class schedule. Highlighted the reception on February 16 and graduation on May 10 at UGRA. Some discussion about nibbles/snacks for reception, does board provide or should party trays be ordered? Health protocols were mentioned. Seems like new board will make this decision in January.

Continued with overview of class curriculum. Anne mentioned maybe incorporating project leads into class breaks vs project fair.

Long discussion about the number of field trips proposed for 2022 class. Anne and Carra are proposing 12 mandatory field trips instead of the 3 that have been required in past years. LOTS of discussion about this. Elsa asked Anne to send Michelle Haggarty the proposed curriculum for her review. The board did not vote, will review in November board meeting or via email/ZOOM at a later date. It was suggested that maybe a plan B needs to happen just in case. There was a lot of concern over the number of field trips.

### **Projects**

Tom was absent but Deb told us about the new Pedernales River Quality project (she is the lead). Water samples being taken, they have 4 volunteers so far.

### **Advanced Training-Deb Youngblood**

Abundance of opportunities for AT hours.

She said some people are not happy with the new calendar on our website. It's not Google so they can't import events like they used to. It's only 4 or 5 complaints.

### **Nominating Committee-Lisa Flannagan**

Lisa announced the following:

Carla Stang-president

Frank Garcia-VP

Ron Scoggins-treasurer

Tracy Fox-secretary

There was a brief discussion about Tracy as her work has prevented her from volunteering since the end of 2019. Technically she is not in good standing, marked as inactive due to no hours recorded since Oct 2019. Lisa will continue to look for a candidate and will talk to Tracy some more.

### **Membership-Carla Stang**

Carla gave a brief overview of her August report. Mentioned applicant scoring should be done by November 12.

She then shared her screen and gave a 'how to' on looking at applications and scoring in OneDrive.

Vern finally speaks!! 🤔🤔 We love hearing from you and missed your voice.

Elsa adjourned the meeting at 4:10pm.

Submitted by Nancy Scoggins