

Hill Country Chapter TXMN Monthly Board Meeting
3/18/21 via Zoom

The meeting was called to order by President Elsa Roberts. In attendance were: Elsa Roberts, Vern Crawford, Deb Youngblood, Nancy Scoggins, Carla Stang, Tom Burke and Lisa Flanagan. Absent were Jeralyn Hathorn, Billy Guin, Sheryl Pender, Catherine Gauldin and Katy Kappel.

Operational:

1. The minutes from the previous meetings were submitted online by Secretary Jeralyn Hathorn.
2. The meeting began with an explanation of how to get to Board of Directors documents folder by Carla and she offered training on how to put documents in there.
3. Treasurer Nancy Scoggins presented the financial reports and a motion was made by Carla to accept the reports and seconded by Vern. Motion carried. Nancy also reported that there were 80 people in attendance at the last chapter zoom meeting. If the number exceeds 100 it will cost an extra \$50 per instance. She will contact Catherine to see if we will be able to do a Facebook live stream, but if not we need to consider moving to the next level of Zoom. Carla provided a list of benefits if we did move to the next level of Zoom such as an increased number of hosts and more capabilities for the co-hosts. She will investigate further with special attention to security issues.
4. Vice President Katy Kappel was not present for the meeting but indicated that she had nothing to add to her report from the last meeting.

Director's Reports:

1. Membership Director Carla Stang presented her report. An application from Central TX chapter was submitted as a new student. Carla is working on gap on website to get information out about the application process and what membership means. She has scheduled a time to meet with Mary Pearl to pick up the A-frame and purchased a tablecloth and a few other supplies that were in the budget. She will be at public events as well as outreach tables and will be distributing pins at a variety of locations. Anyone with 8 hours of AT and 1 hour of service will receive a pin for 2020. She has the pins but not the certificates for Presidential citations. The mentors and students are connecting. Carla will need volunteers to help with IT functions including the ability to have webinars for chapter meetings.
2. New Class Director Sheryl Pender was absent.
3. Communications Director Catherine Gauldin was absent but provided her report for the board's perusal.
4. Project Director Tom Burke informed the board that the audit for volunteer hours is complete and to expect an analysis by next month.
5. AT Director Deb Youngblood provided her report and mentioned that there were a record number of ATs in March. She expects this trend to continue as presenters probably like webinars more than attendees. The biggest benefits noted were no travel or night driving.

Resource Development:

1. President Elsa Roberts asked board members to be sure and include Michelle Haggarty in email for chapter meetings. She also received an email from the mayor on the preservation of natural beauty in the Kerr area. She met with him and has a second meeting scheduled for March 30th. A web site will be established in partnership with other organizations. Jeremy Walker, Kevin Wessel, Rex Quick, Elsa, Pam Leehard, Malcolm Mathews, Ray Buck, Tara Bushnoe and Julie Davis are included in the group. The purpose of the organization will be to provide information and education about the Kerr area to the public and improve the beauty of the

area. City council will also be involved and will work with landscapers, tree cutters and nurseries on changing the landscape around government buildings using native plants.

2. Carla requested that the board table the Goals and Priorities report for a separate meeting. The board agreed.
3. Elsa provided information on the “Be the Change” diversity, opportunity and inclusion webinars. They will offer a playbook to incorporate into membership. Board members are encouraged to attend the webinars which will be held the third Tuesday of each month starting April 20, 2021.
4. Training for the new class will be completed in May. Elsa polled the board for their opinions on having a fall class or waiting until spring or fall of 2022. The board discussed the opportunity to revamp the presentation into a hybrid of on-line and in-person classes and whether the New Class Director should be seated before the end of the year. It was decided that they should be seated prior to the end of the year but Sheryl should remain on the board until the end of the year. Elsa also mentioned that the board should re-think the amount of training time since our chapter has traditionally covered almost double that which is required. Our experience with Covid this year and the fact that the biggest opportunity for learning is outside in the field should play into our decision-making process. It was decided that the board should reflect on these issues and be prepared to resume discussion at the next board meeting.

Announcements:

Next monthly board meeting April 22, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom

Meeting adjourned.