

Hill Country Chapter TXMN Monthly Board Meeting Minutes  
5/20/21 via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 by President Elsa Roberts. In attendance were: Elsa Roberts, Deb Youngblood, Nancy Scoggins, Carla Stang, Tom Burke, Lisa Flanagan, Billy Guin, Sheryl Pender, Catherine Gauldin and Katy Kappel. Vern Crawford and Jeralyn Hathorn were absent.

**Operational:**

1. The minutes from the previous meeting were submitted by Secretary Jeralyn Hathorn. In her absence from the meeting Deb took notes. After corrections to the previous minutes a motion to approve was made by Tom, seconded by Billy and motion carried.
2. Treasurer Nancy Scoggins presented the financial reports. She informed the board that a \$650 deposit will not be in the account as it goes back to Michelle Haggerty and a motion was made by Carla to accept the reports and seconded by Tom. Motion carried.
4. Vice President Katy Kappel presented her report. Speakers have been scheduled through the end of July. Having in-person meetings in conjunction with online meetings has been complicated at times. For example, when it was on Zoom and at the amphitheater in the park there was no internet for the Zoom portion. Many people like the Zoom option. The vote at the last chapter meeting indicated that 55 out of 79 people would come to a live meeting. \* According to Elsa, UGRA is still at 1 person per sq ft therefore a maximum of 26 people could attend a live meeting there. Sheryl recently spoke with UGRA and they said they no longer have mandates on forms or restrictions on meetings. Deb suggested doing a dry run and the board agreed to shoot for the September meeting. Katy needs suggestions for a venue for the holiday celebration. Previous location (church) is not available at this time. Elsa wants another silent auction. Katy indicated that the person in charge should know the new class well so that they know who to ask for donations. Carla moved to accept the VP report, Lisa seconded, motion carried. \*This statement should be amended and written as follows: "The state mandate is still at 1 person per 100 sf, therefore a maximum of 26 people would be allowed to attend in person at UGRA which is a 2600 sf facility." *Additional Note – According to Michelle Haggerty the COVID-19 Guidelines were updated on May 21,21 and the 1 person per 100 feet mandate was removed.*

**Director's Reports:**

1. Membership Director Carla Stang presented her report and informed the board that she continues to receive interest in the TMN program through the link on the website. After reconciling the directory to one drive the number of active members, including the new class and those in limbo the number is now 230. Carla will attempt to get the A-frame by the end of the month. There are still many places that have not opened up yet but she is looking at expansion for July through the fall. Pin distributions are continuing. She is waiting for some of the long-term service awards to arrive. Patrick at RNC will work with her on an article about the 4k & 5k hour awards. There are 5 people scheduled for these awards and she'd like to see them get them together and do a live interview. Catherine thought it would be an excellent idea and she'd be willing to facilitate it.
2. New Class Director Sheryl Pender presented a report from the training class. Discussion ensued regarding the number of hours required by the state versus the number of hours required by our chapter for the training class. Ultimately the board agreed that the number of hours should be driven by content and our ability to enlist quality speakers in order to satisfy the thirst for knowledge. The new class committee can decide on the level they want to present and put it to the board for approval. Trudye Everhardt has been nominated as the New Class Representative and will start serving the beginning of the new year. Sheryl thanked Catherine for her help with the new class. She mentioned that some class members were feeling pressured to commit to projects and some projects were not as inclusive as they could've been and we need to be sensitive about this and help project leaders understand. Sheryl also mentioned that there were a lot of positives about the small groups, and at the same time people were missing the big group. The training director in this chapter is a two-person

job. She is meeting with two people tomorrow to see how they'd like to work it out. Elsa reiterated that everyone's role has expanded and job descriptions will need to be re-worked.

3. Communications Director Catherine Gauldin submitted her report to the board and indicated that the interviews went well and they would be perfect for recruiting. She and Mac are working on the website. Mac seems to be receptive to changing the front page. The next step is to outline what stays and what goes, fix broken links, replace ancient images with current images. Else mentioned that the current events calendar is useless and no one is working on it. Catherine has oversight responsibility for the website. If you want something there send it to her.
4. Project Director Tom Burke said he doesn't have an official report. We have variable project leads and they vary in ability. He indicated that he would be willing to work with the new class committee to have a list with current projects and a varied range, to kind of short circuit the big list.
5. AT Director Deb Youngblood provided her report and had nothing to add.

**Resource Development:**

1. A quick vote was taken to remove our names off of the web site and only show position and email. Billy made a motion, Catherine seconded. Carla objected saying that she feels that people should know our names and indicated that the solution being proposed was not a solution to the actual problem. A brief discussion took place before the board agreed to table the issue for now.
2. Elsa presented a condensed list of goals and priorities. Sheryl felt that part of it was vague and unclear. Carla explained that she, deb and Daryl met a couple of times and they tried to make it more strategic in nature and emphasized the need for committees to address certain areas. Katy said she would like to have more time to discuss the items on the list. Elsa felt like we've been putting it off for some time and would like to wrap things up and explained that this is the document that the next board will work from and expand on. She agreed to take a look at it next month.

Next monthly board meeting June 24, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom

Meeting adjourned 3:04.