

Hill Country Chapter TXMN Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
6/24/21 via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 by President Elsa Roberts. In attendance were: Elsa Roberts, Deb Youngblood, Nancy Scoggins, Carla Stang, Lisa Flanagan, Billy Guin, Sheryl Pender, Katy Kappel, Vern Crawford, Jeralyn Hathorn, Anne Ryan, Trues and Carra Milikien. Tom Burke was absent.

Operational:

1. The minutes from the previous meeting were taken by Deb and transcribed and submitted by Secretary Jeralyn Hathorn. Elsa noted (1) correction to be made pertaining to the restrictions mentioned for gathering. The State Directive (not UGRA) was 1 person per 100 sf (not per sf). Taking this correction to the May minutes into consideration a motion to approve was made by Katy, seconded by Carla and the motion carried.
2. Treasurer Nancy Scoggins presented the financial reports. A motion was made by Carla to accept the reports and seconded by Billy. Motion carried.
4. Vice President Katy Kappel presented her report and informed the board that Dan Daugherty agreed to give an in-person presentation at the Chapter Meeting in September. The presenters for October have also agreed and prefer an in-person presentation although the presenters for November prefer Zoom. Katy feels like this could be better anyway because of the impending holidays. She and Deb will do a practice run in advance to work out any bugs. Carla asked to be there also in order to address previous issues with the mic/sound. Elsa suggested getting a directional mic for better sound quality. With regards to the holiday party Katy suggested Camp Capers. The cost would be \$150, which is half of what the last place charged, and the facility is very nice. They will also cook the food and suggested having them do that at a cost of \$15 per person for lunch. She wants to visit the facility beforehand and discuss the food situation and Jeralyn volunteered to go with her. Katy and Trues will facilitate the silent auction together. Katy made a motion to secure the facility at Camp Capers on 12/11 from noon to 3 p.m. for the holiday party. Billy seconded and the motion carried.

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. In total there are 67 people on the interested list, including carryovers from 2020 who weren't able to participate due to Covid. The A-frame has been received and is being used. She will set up a Zoom training for new members regarding the use of OneDrive. Carla asked Catherine for assistance in working with Mackenzie to get HCMN Chapter specific info back on the web site and modify the content. Billy asked how does someone interested in joining go about registering. It was determined that when someone Googles it a link comes up for a 2021 application. Carla will address this issue with Catherine and Mackenzie.
2. New Class Director Sheryl Pender presented her report and a debriefing concerning the new class. She recommends a class size of 30 people for 2022 which is the breakeven number. She feels that this number is especially important if small groups will continue because that adds to the cost. She also strongly recommended that the chapter evaluate and upgrade their audiovisual equipment.
3. Communications Director Catherine Gauldin was not in attendance.
4. Project Director Tom Burke was out of town.
5. AT Director Deb Youngblood provided her report and had nothing to add.

Resource Development:

1. Sheryl recommended Anne Ryan and Carra Milikien as co-directors of the 2022 Spring Training Class. Elsa seconded the recommendation and they were installed into their positions. Trues will be the New Class Representative.

2. Elsa gave an update on the KAPP meetings. The first item on their agenda is to establish a tree trail. If anyone knows of a tree that should be included, please let her know.
3. The new class committee has already had 2 meetings and they will continue to meet monthly at the Comfort Public library. They discussed format, possible class locations, as well as potential topics that may have been overlooked in the past.
4. 2021 Goals and Priorities were briefly discussed. Nancy expressed her disagreement with grant writing being part of the treasurer's duties as well as the idea of publishing donations or establishing donor levels. Carla clarified that the names were never meant to be published, but levels would be established according to donation amounts. Nancy stated that there is money in the account and it is to be spent on the task at hand – which is training volunteers. She doesn't feel like we need to push hard on asking for donations. Sheryl made a motion to accept the 2021 Goals and Priorities excluding item #3. Katy seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Next monthly board meeting July 22 in person at RNC at 1:30. Nancy mentioned that we need to think about whether we plan to return to having our board meetings on the same day as the chapter meetings once we start in person chapter meetings in September. The board agreed to discuss the issue in July.

Meeting adjourned 2:40.