

POMN Business Meeting Minutes
20 May 2021
WebEx Meeting (Virtual)

The meeting was called to order by President Katie Moses at 6:00 pm.

The minutes from March 21, 2021 stand approved.

Officer Reports:

1. Edd (Treasurer)- no report
2. Ashley (Secretary)- no report
3. Meghan (Vice President)- no report
4. Katie (President)- An online payment system is coming soon (PayPal). Please pay dues (\$25 for individuals/\$35 for couples). Covid guidelines have not changed. We are encouraged to continue online format when possible. The AgriLife building where meetings are normally held is still closed to the public. The chapter documents are still needing to be updated so please contact Katie if you have time to read through the chapter by-laws, etc.

Director/Chair Reports:

1. Bill (Communications Dir.)- Our web page visitation frequency in the last 30 days was 403 page views! Event calendar and the newsletter were among the most visited. The link to PayPal will soon be added.
2. Barbara (Volunteer Service)- No report
3. Colton (Advanced Training)- No report
4. Lynn & Marsha (New Training Class Dir.)- Our congratulations to our newest pledges! (names below) Notices were sent out to students that were short on hours and given suggestions on how they could get caught up.
5. New Class Rep.- no report
6. Lauren (Membership Director)- no report
7. Karen (Immediate Past President)- no report

Committee Reports:

1. Bill (Nature Center): In May, one of the new trees planted was missing. Bill contacted the city's parks department to find out if they knew anything about it, but they did not. The tree was most likely stolen based on circumstantial evidence. Additionally, a workday is planned for Wednesday from 5-7pm. Bring your own tools, beverage, insect repellent.
2. Linda (Public Outreach): Saturday, June 5th is the Stephenville Farmer's Market. The Dublin Market is June 12th. The First United Methodist Church in Stephenville is doing a "Know-how Wednesday" where you can come in to teach something on Wednesday evening (6-8pm) geared towards 6th to 11th graders. Linda wanted to teach about becoming a naturalist and a few other subjects. If

this interests you, email Linda. The Comanche PowWow is September 26th & 27th. Nature Fest is approved to be in person this year. If you are interested in joining the planning committee, please respond to Linda so that we can get started. If you have anyone that is interested in being a sponsor for Nature Fest, please reach out as well.

3. Gail (Education Outreach): If anyone would like a discovery trunk to set up or ideas to make more discovery trunks, contact Gail. Power point presentations are also needed to go along with the trunks. Katie shared that there will be an Aquatic Wild Training coming up and information will be shared when available.
4. Brad (Diversity, Equity & Inclusion): No report

Awards & Announcements

1. Our new training class pledges are: Kaesey Browne, Layne Cassidy, Matt Olszewski, Kirsten Wunrow, Jane Jolley, Kyle Watter, Stephanie Keith, Ande & Patrick Johnston, Jenny Chlipala, Monica Cortez, Sierra Oguzhan, Jordan Senn. Congratulations and welcome!
2. "Service Against All Odds" pins were issued by State office for anyone who logged at least 8 AT hours and 1 volunteer hour for 2020. Pins are currently being distributed.
3. A Prairie Oaks Service Award will be given to volunteers that logged at least 8 hours volunteer service and 1 hour AT for 2020.
4. TMN Tuesdays and Be the Change webinars are still occurring monthly. Log hours for both as "TMN Tuesday" and include the session name in your description.
5. Dinosaur Valley State Park has a training opportunity for volunteers interested in leading or assisting with their programs. The first training will occur on Friday, May 28th. Please reach out to Dinosaur Valley State Park for more information.
6. State Nature Reflection project is underway. Master Naturalists can put together a one-minute video with your thoughts regarding this year's prompt to be shared on the state website. Submissions are due Monday, June 15th.
7. Layne Cassidy will be the new editor of the Side Oats Notes Newsletter. The next newsletter will be June 15th.
8. TMN License plates are coming soon!
9. Dayna briefly discussed the Lights Out Texas program. To help the migrating birds this season, we are asked to turn off all non-essential lights between the hours of 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ashely Medeiros and Katie Moses