

POMN Business Meeting
Minutes
July 16, 2020
Zoom Meeting (Virtual)

1. **The meeting was called to order by President Karen Aho at 6:00 pm.**
2. **The minutes from May 21, 2020 were approved.**

3. Officer Reports:

- a. *Treasurer-* (Edd) June's balance was \$5556.48. A deposit of \$25 was added. Current balance is \$5581.48.
- b. *Secretary/Correspondence-* (Ashley) No report.
- c. *Vice President-* (Katie)
 1. Nature Fest is scheduled on October 10th, 10am - 2pm to coordinate with the "By Gone Days" event. Planning will begin in-person. An email was sent out to get volunteers to sign up for help with planning and booth development.
- d. *President-* (Karen)
 1. Relaxed rules have allowed chapters to have small meetings limited to no more than 10 people (board meetings, etc.).
 2. Limitations need to be addressed before participating in local farmer's market.
 3. The annual meeting originally planned for Houston is now happening virtually on October 14th - 18th. Event coordinators are looking for presenters. And trainees are allowed to attend.
 4. A review of chapter management operations protocol will need to conduct an annual overview of the template and make updates. If any member needs hours and would like to help make suggested changes, reach out to Karen to get started.

4. Director Reports

- a. *New Class Training Director-* (Marsha & Lynn) Marsha & Lynn are starting the process of the Fall 2020 training class. Classes are scheduled tentatively on September 9th, 2 nights a weeks for 1.5 hours.
- b. *Communications* - (Bill) no report
- c. *Advanced Training* - (Colton) No report

- d. *Volunteer Service* - (Brandon) No report
- e. *Membership* - (Barbara) No report
- f. *New Class Rep* - (Lance) No report

5. Committee Reports

- a. *Nature Center* - (Peggy & Bill) The native grass planting went well. Seven flats of plants including sideoats grama and little blue stem were introduced to the area. Lynn mentioned the grass looks good but due to recent rain, the forbs are outgrowing the grasses.
- b. *Public Outreach* - (Lauren) No report
- c. *Direct Outreach/Education* - (Barbara) Help needed to sort out outreach tubs and make powerpoint slides to add to the trunks.
- d. *Hospitality* - (Peggy/Genet) No report

6. Old Business

- a. Elections are coming up in November. Officer positions are up for grabs (pres, vp, treasurer, secretary, others). Karen will send out a leadership interest survey. There are many ways to lead! Think about how much time you have to give!

7. New Business

- a. No reports

8. Other Updates

- a. Year-end nature slideshow - Chris Inbody will be coordinating the slideshow. Contact him to add photos.
- b. Marsha and Karen have sent a letter in support of the Middle Trinity Groundwater Conservation District for the addition of an outdoor learning center.
- c. The Big Country Chapter in Brownwood is planning a bioblitz at the 4-H center on July 23 at 9am. Volunteers are encouraged to attend to help put together STEM classes.
- d. The next business meeting is on August 20th, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.

Minutes were prepared by Ashley Medeiros.