

POMN Business Meeting Minutes

18 March 2021

Zoom Meeting (Virtual)

The meeting was called to order by President Katie Moses at 6:03 pm.

The minutes from January 21, 2021 stand approved.

Officer Reports

1. Edd (Treasurer)- Expenses were \$120.00 for *Pack & Mail* mailbox. Deposits of \$1,005.00. Current balance is \$6,571.15. Dues are due (\$35 for couples, \$25 for individuals).
2. Ashley (Secretary)- no report
3. Meghan (Vice President)- no report
4. Katie (President)- No updates regarding COVID guidelines. Continue wearing masks and social distancing (10ft indoors, 6ft outdoors). Chapter documents need updating, please contact Katie if you want to help.

Director/Chair Reports

1. Bill (Communications Dir.)- no report
2. Barbara (Volunteer Service)- Contact Barbara if you have any questions regarding service hours.
3. Colton (Advanced Training)- No report
4. Lynn & Marsha (New Training Class Dir.)- No current updates. Class attendance is good and makeup sessions are completed following winter storm closings. Field experiences are coming up in April.
5. Kelli (New Class Rep.)- no report
6. Lauren (Membership Director)- no report
7. Karen (Immediate Past President)- no report

Committee Reports

8. Peggy & Bill (Nature Center)- The chapter was made aware of a water issue at the Nature center following the recent winter storm. Edd added that Stephenville has a new director of parks: Kelli Votypka. Also, Edd is setting up a meeting with her to discuss things such as weed killing and new developments.
9. Linda (Public outreach)- Thank you to some volunteers (Kirsten for her fish outreach program, James Gray, Jane Jolly for being at the Dublin Farmer's Market). The Dublin Market had 30 adults and 30 children stop by and 3 emails added to the contact list. Future Dublin Markets occur on the third Saturday of the month except in June & December from 9am-1pm. The next opportunity is April 17th. Contact Linda to form a public outreach committee.
10. Gail (Direct outreach education)- Discovery trunks and powerpoints are still a work in progress.
11. Brad (Diversity, Equity & Inclusion)- State office is encouraging all chapters to include anybody to be a master naturalist. A mini webinar series will be starting to help start and continue conversations regarding diversity and inclusion, putting together a strategic plan that chapters can use to build these things into our activities. (Example: *Birdability*, how to include someone to birdwatch if they are hearing-impaired, in a wheelchair, etc) Webinars are the 3rd Thursday of each month at 12pm, either live or you can watch a recording (next one is April 20th).

Old/Unfinished Business

1. No reports

New Business

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Announcements:

1. TMN Tuesdays count as advanced training. Contact Katie or Bill to get the link to watch the videos. They are also posted on our Facebook page.
2. Texas TMN license plates are coming out soon

3. "What nature means to me" is accessible on the state website and open to submissions.
4. Gail is wanting to begin a chapter scrapbook, please contact her to contribute.
5. The date for the state meeting is October 21-24, 2021 in Irving, TX. A survey was sent out to gather preferences as to how to conduct the meeting (virtual, hybrid, in-person).
6. Check out the recent newsletter! Upcoming deadline to contribute for the next one is June 15th.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53pm.

Minutes were prepared by Ashley Medeiros.