

Prairie Oaks Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist Program
March 17, 2022
Chapter Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Katie Moses at 6:07 pm.

Number of people in attendance: 22 in person/ 11 virtual.

1. The November business meeting minutes were read and approved with no corrections.
2. The January business meeting minutes were read and approved with corrections.
3. Officer Reports:
 - a. Secretary (Monica Cortez): No report
 - b. Treasurer (James Gray): The balance at the beginning of February was \$6,627.46. The balance at the end of February was \$7,224.42. The silent auction held at the February meeting brought in around \$450 for our chapter. Dues are \$25 for individuals and \$35 for couples.
 - c. Vice President (Dayna Inbody): We will be working on putting together some class field trips and a 5th anniversary celebration. More information to come.
 - d. President (Katie Moses): The Board will be having a retreat on Saturday, March 19th to brainstorm and plan for the year.
4. Director/Chair Reports
 - a. New Class Training (Lynn Wood): Attendance has been great this year and all participants are on track to finish the initial training. Field Classes will begin soon with a soils class scheduled for April 2nd and an aquatics session scheduled for April 9th. .
 - b. Communications (Bill Hopkins): The committee has been working on creating social media posts and Facebook events for meetings and other topics.
 - c. Advanced Training (Colton Claborn): Growing up Wild Training will be offered virtually on April 20th from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. The fee is \$35 a person. This curriculum is designed for learners ages 3 - 7 years old. We must have 5 people sign up to have the materials shipped so please email Colton at monkeyman56789@gmail.com if interested in participating.
 - d. Volunteer (Stephanie Keith): No report.
 - e. Membership (Barbara Salter): In the past 6 months, 4 of the Tarleton students involved in our chapter that have graduated and moved away have requested a transfer to their local master naturalist chapter! Please remember to log your hours. For chapter meetings use CB: Admin/Work and then choose Chapter Meeting in the drop down box. Travel time is included in the hours. For the Advanced Training portion of the meeting, log as AT: Prairie Oaks Chapter Meeting.
 - f. New Class Representative (Matt Olszewski): No report.
 - g. Past President (Karen Aho): We will be updating the chapter documents this year, so Karen is looking for volunteers to help with this task. Monica volunteered to help with this.

5. Committee Report

- a. Nature Center (Meghan Peoples): The next pollinator garden workday will be Saturday, March 26th from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. You are welcome to go out and work at the Nature Center anytime you are available. There is lots of grass that needs to be pulled and any plant growth on the path needs to be cleared. The Nature Center is located at 735 E. Long Street, Stephenville.
- b. Public Outreach (Linda Wood): Linda shared the following volunteer opportunities:
 - i. Feather Fest is on Saturday March 26th at the Acton Nature Center in Granbury. The event is from 10-2, not including set up and take down.
 - ii. Tarleton Outdoors on Saturday, April 23rd at Stephenville City Park from 9-2, not including set up and take down.
 - iii. Stephenville Farmers Market is the 1st Saturday of the month and starts in the Spring.
 - iv. Dublin Farmers Market is the 3rd Saturday of the month and starts in March.
 - v. The 4th Saturday of September is the Comanche Pow Wow.
 - vi. Mark your calendars for Nature Fest which will be Saturday, October 8th. We will need lots of volunteers!
- c. Direct outreach/ education (Gail Bradshaw): Discovery trunks are available for anyone to use at outreach booths or other activities. Please share any photos or newspaper clippings with Gail for the chapter scrapbook.
- d. Hospitality (Peggy Tolboom): Snacks are always needed for training class and chapter meetings as well as volunteers to sit at the sign in table each month. For refreshments, you may log a maximum of 1 volunteer hour.

6. Announcements

- a. Peggy shared that she will lead a Forest Bathing Program at the Bosque River Trail Nature Center on Saturday, April 2nd from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm.
- b. TMN Tuesday webinars will continue in 2022. You may count as AT whether it is watched live or recorded. More information can be found at txmn.tamu.edu/tmntuesdays.
- c. On the Texas Master Naturalist program website, you can sign up for the Listserve to get updates and information from the State Program Office.
- d. The AgriLife online bookstore, where you can buy resources and Master Naturalist merchandise, is now called AgriLife Learn and can be found at <https://agrilifelearn.tamu.edu/s/>.
- e. The next Lake Mineral Wells State Park Pollinator Garden Workday is Saturday, March 19th. Volunteers are needed from 9:00 am - 11:00 am.
- f. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, April 21.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 pm

Minutes prepared by Katie Moses and Monica Cortez