Minutes for STTMN Board of Directors Meeting 6/6/22

Conducted VIA ZOOM Platform

7:00 pm

Attendees: Michele Connolly, Bibi Dalrymple, Michelle Alvarez, Cynthia Frank, Suanne Pyle, Mike Wenzel, Art Siebert, Holly Grand, Philip Woods, Leslie Hoekstra, Dawn Bissell, Randy Bissell, Ada Anderson, Rebecca Maestas, Ricky Rodriguez

Call to order at 7:05 pm by Michele Connolly

Prior minutes posted on website

There were no changes. Minutes accepted as posted.

**Request for Funds: Ada Anderson**

* Ada is making plant identification books which are laminated and hole punched and connected with metal ring. She would like to request $200 to create 6 or 7 of these books. The expenses would be for paper, laminate pouches, ink, metal ring and any other expenses involved. The ID pages have been created by many people including Chad, Janice Knezek and Tom Kieber-Evans. The book will continue to evolve as more plants are identified and added.
* There was some discussion on whether she could use our tax exempt ID. Leslie H. said she would provide it to her.
* Cindy made a motion we grant her request, Phil seconded it and it passed unanimously.

Officer and Director reports

**Michele Connolly – President**

* Michele has been working getting the store room organized and stocked. The new items from the last meeting have been added. We have many good items to give to the new trainees at the Kickoff.

**Leslie Albrecht – Vice President – not present**

**Suanne Pyle - Secretary**

* Suanne announced that she is moving to Boerne and will be resigning as secretary when she does. We will be needing a new Secretary so if you have any ideas please contact Michele C.

**Leslie Hoekstra – Treasurer**

* There are 13 or 14 Trainees who have paid for the new class.
* See Financial Report at end of minutes

**Bibi Dalrymple – Immediate Past President**

* Nothing new to report

**Chad Huckabee – Advanced Training - not present**

**Mike Wenzel – Communications Director**

* Nothing new to report

**Michelle Alvarez – Membership Director**

* We have had two socials this year. The 1st quarter was the Star party, the 2nd quarter social is going to be a kayaking and picnicking event at Hazel Bazemore Park and the 3rd quarter social will be the Kickoff party in August.
* She asked do we want the 20th Celebration event to be with the Kickoff party or be a separate event. There was a lot of discussion with pros and cons for both ways. The majority wanted it to be a separate event. Some reasons why were to honor Chad and Grace with a separate ceremony, to have a slideshow of our efforts through the years, and to invite some dignitaries to attend the event. There was discussion about what the chapter would pay for and where we would have event. Michele Connolly said the chapter would pay for the honorees, the dignitaries and the cake and members would pay for their own meals. Many venues were discussed. Michelle Alvarez said she would be in charge of the planning and Mike Wenzel will assist.
* Randy asked were new trainees invited to the Kayak event. Michele said they were.

**Phillip Woods – New Class Director (Initial Training)**

* Phil said he needs a video projector for training. Randy said he has one he can donate to the chapter.
* About 14 trainees have paid and several more should pay soon.
* Phil said all the venues are confirmed

**Katilyn Parker – New Class Representative – not present**

**Cindy Frank – Volunteer Management**

* Cindy said through the end of May, thirty of the seventy-five members have recertified and quite a few are just a few hours away, mostly needing AT hours.

**Advisors:**

* No report

**New Business:**

* Michelle said the Coastal Bend Bays Foundation wanted a speaker for a fall meeting. Michele and Phil volunteered to go
* Rebecca Maestas wanted to know if we can do a beach cleanup. Randy said several members are doing beach cleanups on a regular basis and she should talk to them about joining.
* Suzanne Smith has been hired at summer intern at Mustang Island.
* Oso Bay has an opening for a new Education Coordinator.
* Leslie Hoekstra said she will not be serving as Treasurer for a second term.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 by Michele

Administration/Board Meeting 1.25 hours

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FINANCIAL REPORT

June 6, 2022

SAVINGS $ 1,821.12

.67 Interest 3/31/22

TOTAL $ 1,821.79

CHECKING $ 4,875.40

Beginning Balance as of May 17, 2022

1,599.10 Ten Trainees Paid on Square with Book

242.14 Two Trainees Paid on Square no Book

165.00 One Trainee Paid by Check

60.00 New Name Badges

$ 6,941.64 TOTAL

2 YEAR CD $ 4,448.10 Maturity Date: November 14, 2023

3.93 Interest 5/31/22

$ 4,452.03

TOTAL $ 13,215.46

Annual Dues Paid for 2022

56 Renewed (3 in 2021)

19 Trainees 2021

2 Advisors (no annual dues required)

77 Total

New Trainees for 2022 13 Paid