

Minutes for STTMN Board of Directors Meeting 04/03/2023
Conducted VIA ZOOM Platform
7:09 pm

BOARD MEETINGS WILL START AT 6:30 pm.

Attendees: Michele Connolly, Cindy Frank, Jean Meadors, Ann Flanagan, Dawn Bissell, Holly Grand, Bibi Dalrymple, Art Siebert, Phil Woods

New Business

Bibi and Cindy sent edits to Chapter Operating Handbook to Michele. Anyone else have anything to add? We can add to it anytime we want. Had concerns about putting board information in back but will do so since it can be changed. Michele will add to it as needed. Cindy Frank moved that we accept handbook as it stands. Bibi Darymple seconded it. All approved.

Chapter Business website needed to be cleaned. We need current chapter versions, Standards of conduct, code of ethics and CMOP can't be altered. Bibi has updated liaisons list. Other documents don't know if they are needed, AT accreditations is good, facebook link ok Stuck with Youth protection standards. Volunteer background check-if not a school -don't need, VMS checks our background yearly. Phil Woods, stated we need to have a place for people to know how to apply for background check. CCISD, Flour Bluff, West Oso, Port A, need background checks. Michele will be on to-do list.

Grant for outreach-Kevin Gibbs= Port of Corpus Christi has grants twice a year from Port of Corpus Christi. Purchase replicas of skulls, bones, microscopes. Michele has filled out some. Events that happen July 1st-Dec 31st each area encourage Environmental stewardship. Each event must have its own application. August 5th meeting with trainees and Master Naturalists will be a good place to show critter, bird and ocean

tables. Get magnifying glasses etc., Michele will send information about grant to board members. Once purchase items can be used multiple times. Orientation event to get swag items. Celebration of flight get birding information. Adriana from patent center has different sites. Don't have to decide tonight. Projector maybe? Bibi asked if they give idea how much, Michele stated up to \$50,000. They will send money up to 2 weeks before the event, so it will be a reimbursement style situation. Need to stay within the TMN budget. Will know we are getting money but won't have a payout until 2 weeks before. Will Email board the document. Don't need a permit because they are replicas. Phil mentioned we need water testing equipment for ourselves. We can do a lot of cool packages. Need Ann to make sure we have all the forms needed.

Cindy brought up that Ada Anderson has been using her ink to print off 5 x7 Plant Id cards for Flour Bluff garden. She is out some money so Cindy would like to reimburse her. Ink alone for the 1st set. Cindy Frank motioned for us to reimburse her. Already approved \$164.00 to reimburse her, Need additional \$, Ann Flanagan seconded. Motion carried. We should see if we can find an alternative method to print off more of the cards. Photographs were taken By Chad Huckabee. Ada needs to formally request reimbursement, Is she going to have another ask soon? Outsourcing is expensive too.

Membership chair have not really looked for replacement per Michele, she was waiting for any suggestions. She has put out position to our members now. Recruitment is good, main thing is quarterly events, appreciation event, Cindy had one person, Debbie would be good.

Officer and Director reports:

Michele Connolly-President

State meeting is the 25th anniversary and quite a bit is being planned. Restructuring how to hold meetings. There will be 5 hotels, plus

conference center is where it will be held. and they have moved breakout sessions to Thursdays. On Saturday the session will be off site and they will move the entire group to session. 98% in eclipse totality. Sunday having sessions half day. Hotel group rates 3 days before and after the event. Looking for sponsorship money,

Leslie Albrecht – Vice President

Not present

Jean Meadors - Secretary

No report.

Ann Flanagan– Treasurer

Need to find out what she needs to do, such as a tax status post card.

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Bibi Dalrymple – Immediate Past President

Chad Likes sign-up genius Google forms because it's a good format for surveys, information etc.

Chad Huckabee – Advanced Training

Not present

Mike Wenzel – Communications Director

Not present

Vacant – Membership Director

Dawn Bissell– New Class Director (Initial Training)

Am checking out the Kingsville area. Wanting to get a bus to tour King Ranch using Port money? for Members and trainees.

Dharma Webber – New Class Representative

not present

Cindy Frank – Volunteer Management

Seventeen people have not paid dues and are on the inactive list. It's easy to move them when they pay.

Seashore Learning Center Academy on the Island needs someone to do a touch table on April 23rd from 8-3. Cindy will not be able to take the lead because she is dispatching at PINS.

Cindy will be lead at Mustang Island Centennial Celebration on April 15th from 9-2. She will send out information on what help she will need for that day.

Advisors:

Kevin Gibbs-Not present

Holly Grand-No report

Board 1.5 hours.