

## **Minutes for STTMN CHAPTER meeting 8/15/2023**

Conducted in person and VIA ZOOM Platform

### **Attendees**

Pat Clements, Carol Singleton, Jon Brandt, Adel Casiano, Paula Baker, Cindy Forbes, Robin Bonner, Ricky Rodriguez, Mandi Bever, Rebecca Maestas, Christin Vega, Jean Meadors, Nancy Gettelfinger, Teri Gettelfinger, Michele Connolly, Jenny Dailey, Cindy Frank, Chelsea Hastings, Mike Wenzel, Ron Schulze, Linda S. Cowley, Chad Huckabee, Ann Flanagan, Dawn Bissell, Randy Bissell, Bryan Tilley, Chuck Blend, Cristy Blend, Brenda Weatherd, Grace Lopez, Winnie Shrum, Michelle Alvarez, Gerry Vahle, Bob Brown, Sherry Stewart, Suzanne Smith, Lewis Smith, Phil Wood, Christina Lee, Toni Briscoe, Sara Carny, Denise Beaman, Bill Beaman, George Gardiner, Steve Cook, Leslie Albrecht, Abigail Rosenberg, David Neipert, Mae Hincon, Ada Anderson

Meeting called to order 6:34 by Michele Connolly

The minutes of our last meeting are posted to our website

(<https://txmn.org/st/meetings/chapter-meeting-documents>). The minutes will stand as posted.

**Visitors:** Welcome new trainees. 8 trainees attending meeting. They introduced themselves.

Social at Bissells will be Saturday would love to see you there.

### **Awards and Recertification**

Recertification:

Claude Smith, Suzanne Smith, Janice Knezek, Melissa Williams, David Neipert, Aracely Negrete, Christy Blend

250 hours

Jean Meadors, Toni Briscoe, Ray Dilahunty, Kim Ogden, Leslie Albrecht.

500 hours

Ann Thmas, Steve Cook

1000 hours

Adel Casiano

### **Announcements**

Art Seibert moved to Temple Texas, so his role in helping Cindy with VMS is being covered by Jenny Dailey, she is also our new class representative. We received the money from the grants we got with the Port of Corpus Christi . One grant for outreach was \$1900. We will use the skulls we purchased at our outreaches. The other grant for \$1300 was for training supplies, we purchased water quality testing units.

RSVP to the Social.

On 9/16 there will be a training on the fundamentals of geology done by the Coastal Wellness Society. Go to website to register, The cost is \$20.00.

### **Officer and Directors reports**

#### **Michele Connelly-President**

She is attending the state meeting as are others in our chapter. The TMN state meeting includes a trip to El Sauz to view annular eclipse. The meeting is being held from 10/12-10/15. In McAllen Texas. Lots of people are going.

#### **Leslie Albrecht-Vice President**

No report

#### **Jean Meadors-Secretary**

No report

#### **Ann Flanagan-Treasurer**

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See report at end of minutes.  
Board needs to discuss CD that is maturing.

**Bibi Dalrymple-Immediate Past President**

Not present.

**Chad Huckabee-Advanced Training**

Bibi worked on list of things we have done in the past to see if we will keep doing them. Discovered doing things during the week didn't work out very well so will do things only on Saturdays. On September 5th Agrilife will be doing a training at their training center to get people to help with plants and teaching them to groups like the 4H.

**Mike Wenzel-Communications Director**

no report.

**Sherry Johnson-Membership director**

No report

**Dawn Bissell-New Class Director (Initial Training)**

25 people are signed up for training this fall. Next month;s speaker will be Whitney Lon Franco with the company Land Sea Sky to talk about binoculars and she will have samples. August 26th training will be about birding and photograph.

**Jenny Dailey-New Class Representative**

No report

**Cindy Frank-Volunteer Management**

No other report.

Advisors- Kevin Gibbs, Holly Grand. Not present3.

Leslie Albrecht introduced David Neipert to talk about Nurturing Texas Bay Islands.

Chapter meeting adjourned at 7:05

Chapter business -.5 hours Advanced training-1 hour.



Treasurer's Report  
August 15, 2023

Savings		1826.40
Checking	Beginning balance as of May 16	\$6252.90
	Deposits	
	Dues and initial training	3334.88
	8/4 Port of Corpus Christi outreach grant	1950.00
	8/4 Port of Corpus Christi initial training grant	1300.00
	Total deposits	6584.88
	Payments	
	5/26/23 check 1055 S. Texas Botanical Gardens meeting space	400.00
	6/8/23 check 1052 Ada Anderson Printing cards	265.69
	7/28/23 check 1056 Cindy Frank Bird's Rubber Stamps	15.00
	8/1/23 check 1057 Marlin Works logo setup	75.00
	8/1/23 check 1054 Certificate of formation	26.00
	Total payments	781.69
	Ending balance as of August 15, 2023	\$12056.09
CD	Matures November 14, 2023	\$4475.31
Total as of August 15, 2023		\$18357.80