

**Minutes for Board Meeting
August 7, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm by President Michele Connolly

Present for the meeting on Zoom was the following:

Michele Connolly

Michael Wenzel

Sheri Johnson

Phil Woods

Bibi Dalrymple

Ann Flanagan

Leslie Albrecht

Randy Bissel

Dawn Bissel

Jenny Dailey

Cindy Frank

The minutes from the last board meeting were corrected to show the social to take place on August 19th.

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Cindy Frank and second by Jenny Dailey and approved.

Our next meeting will be a hybrid meeting with Zoom and in person at the Botanical Gardens. Dawn Bissell will send out a map for the location and parking and Michele Connolly will include it in the reminder.

Help will be needed in cooking the burgers and franks for the social. Cindy Frank volunteered her husband to assist with this. A email will be sent out for RSVP.

Chad Huckabee will no longer be doing the newsletter. It will no longer be done through Mailchimp since the cost will be to much and most of the features we don't utilize anyway. Randy Bissell will explore other means to send it out to include a link to the website where it will be posted.

Additional storage through WordPress is needed and can be purchased for \$100 a year. This would include up to 15GB of storage and additional templates for use on our website.

A motion to purchase this storage was made by Leslie Albrecht and seconded by Ann Flanagan. The motion passed.

The checks for the 2 grants from the Port of Corpus Christi have been received. Michele has already made arrangements to purchase items for our touch table to include various skull replicas, turtle egg comparison chart, a pop up shelter that TPWD uses and 2 chairs. Dawn Bissell will purchase the items for training and will consult with Phil Woods and Leslie Albrecht about what to purchase. It was noted by Michele Connolly that the Port gives out grants twice a year so if we need any additional items or have ideas about additional items we may use to let her know.

Michele Connolly announced that the state is giving each Chapter a stipend for \$100 to enable someone from our Chapter to attend the State Meeting in the Valley.

Dawn Bissell informed us that the reviews from the orientation have been very good. She said that we may want to consider doing a training on how to use Zoom to attend training or meetings.

The meeting was concluded at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Wenzel