

Minutes for STTMN Board of Directors Meeting 10/2//2023
Conducted at Botanical Gardens and VIA ZOOM Platform
6:30 p.m.

Attendees: . Pat Clements, Chad Huckabee, Emma Mathis, Phil Woods, Toni Brisoce, William Beamann, Michele Connolly, Cindy, Franks, Bibi Dalrymple, Mike Wenzel, Amm Flanagan, Jean Meadors, Holly Ahern, Dawn Bissell, Becca Maestas, Kevin Gibbs, Holly Grand, Leslie Albrecht

Minutes approved and adopted as written.

Meeting called to order 6:30 pm by Michele Connelly

The November chapter meeting will be zoom only. Next Board meeting will be in December

New Business

Mrs. Christi Blend wants to do hospitality at the chapter meeting. Board decided to limit it to 3 people bringing snack or finger foods. There will be no drinks or full meals. A sign-up sheet will be placed out for people to sign up with what they are bringing and a contact number.

The storage room will be limited to only board, committee members or their designees. Only they will be able to get items for display for our events.

All events and projects should be pre-approved before the event or project organizer can be told we will participate. Becca Maestas agreed to develop online outreach program for us.

board committee can barely keep together outreaches now.

Bibi has the forms to post information about pre and post event.

Bibi should know who is doing what and where for her form.

When someone has to step-in. Wants an outreach coordinator. Pre event needs contact information, Who, what, and where. There's no back-up now if someone to fill in. Be good reference for next year. If we do same event. We need to get stuff on the calendar,

Please let Cindy know if something is missing on the calendar. Sign-up genius sends out reminders. we use sign-up for event if need more volunteers.

Discussion on maturing CD.- Michele talked with Rally Bank. Dawn needs to submit her training fees. We, as a chapter, can not do a money market account, Rally is paying 5.12% for a \$7500 CD- which expires in 6 months. We would have \$7500 in savings and \$3500 in checking account. We are carrying over 14,000 for next year. Kevin Gibbs stated that the Master Gardeners have an investment account. Will connect with Tom Andrews. Kevin stated as long as we are providing education we are ok and keep operating expenses.

Phil stated we can do more if it's for a training. Need to send more advanced training that is more expensive.

We won't know what we might need or want to do. Want to keep zoom account if we can't have training.

Proposing buying \$7500 in a cd and \$7500 for savings. Leave about \$3500 in checking. We need to buy training supplies or pay for a trainer. CD is very safe. Holly Grand stated that she trusts us.

There was another motion proposed by Cindy Frank and 2nd by Leslie Albrecht that we buy up to a \$7500 cd that matures in April 2024. From Rally Credit Union.

Michele Connolly stated we have about \$200 left to spend in grant money. Buying text books.

Dawn Bissell brought up that part of the new training in Kingsville is the possibility of visiting King Ranch. She was wanting to rent a bus for \$1200 to go to Kingsville plus pay for entrance at King Ranch for trainees at \$25.00 each person which would be about \$500. The entire training budget is \$350. Cindy Frank is not in favor of renting the bus since it is so late and visit is in November. The entire budget for year is \$5,000. Dawn Bissell will drop the bus for this year and ask the trainees if they want to pay entrance fee for King ranch. Cindy Frank mentioned we can talk to finance committee about upping the training budget.

We will need to up training cost for next year.

We have reserve funds to spend next year. Can't keep spending more than we take in, We are about \$500 in hole this year. Master Gardner training fee is \$300.

We rewrote budget statement . Cindy Frank amended motion restated cd request to buy a cd for no more than \$7500 from Rally Bank. Leslie Albrecht seconded it. Board passed.

Michelle is wanting to have a good budgeting meeting for 2024,.

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Cindy Frank mentioned that when CD matures in November we move over the CD money to savings account. Bibi Dalrymple seconded it.

We emailed photos to Port of Corpus Christi for outreach grant. Also sent invoice to Port. Left-overs will be used to buy stickers.

Dawn Bissell needs to send to Ann Flanagan receipt for water quality equipment by the beginning of Nov.

Officer and Director reports:

Michele Connolly-President

Nothing other than what she has already mentioned.

Leslie Albrhcht – Vice President

We will have someone to talk about making a do-it-yourself water feature for Nov meeting. The November chapter meeting will be zoom only.

Need to get in touch with January speaker.

City of Corpus at Cole park on Oct. 13th hand out solar sunglasses for eclipse they need volunteers.

Jean Meadors - Secretary

No report.

Ann Flanagan-Treasurer

See material under budget and cd.

Bibi Dalrymple – Immediate Past President

We have full slate of candidates to vote on for our November meeting,
Keep sending Bibi outreach calendar events.

Chad Huckabee-Advanced training

Cindy Frank and Janet Knesek have been working on plants. AT plant ID classes will start next year.

Mike Wenzel – Communications Director

No report.

Sheri Johnson – Membership Director

Not present

Dawn Bissell– New Class Director (Initial Training)

Can all IT classes for training be used for transfers in as AT?

How many people have transferred in? Last few trainings will be a single location and training should be finished by Dec 9th.

She is getting good feedback from trainees.

One person- wants to continue it next year. One has been out of country,
People will certify on Saturday.

TMN academy because of heat? Entomology classes

Jenny Dailey-New Class Representative

Not present.

Cindy Frank – Volunteer Management

Can all people who have transferred into chapter come to training classes as shadows to learn about the new area?

Advisors:

Kevin Gibbs-no report

Holly Grand-No report

Michele Connelly adjourned meeting at 8:00 pm

Board meeting

1.5 hours