Minutes for STTMN CHAPTER meeting 2/20/2024

Conducted in Person and VIA ZOOM Platform

Attendees

Randy Bissel, Dawn Bissell, Michele Connolly, Paul Swacina, PJ Pratt, Rebeca Maestas, Ric Garces, Ron Schlulze, Lari Jo Edwards, Jason Edwards, Jean Meadors, Cornelia Gates, Norma Munoz, Julie Findley, Janice Knezek, Adel Castro, Holly Grand, Debbie Plowman, Kim Ogden, Charlie Ogden, Jesse Ogden, Kati Parker, Carl Singleton, Christina Lee, Lillian Bass, Mary Grace Lopez, Cindy Frank, Denise Beaman, Bill Beaman, Linda Cowley, Karen Stevenson, Phil Woods, Pat Clements, Christy Blend, Chuck Blend, Bibi Dalrymple, Bryan Tilley, Holly Ahern, Ann Flanagan, Gerry Vahle, Suzanne Smith, Claude Smith, Nada Martin, Richard Martin, Pat Clark, David Neipert, Jenny Dailey, Sherry Stewart, Michelle Alvarez, Bob Brown, Winnie Shrum, Lee Albrecht, Christin Vega, Mike Wenzel.

Meeting called to order 6:34 by Michele Connolly The minutes of our last meeting are posted to our website (<u>https://txmn.org/st/meetings/chapter-meeting-documents</u>). The minutes will stand as posted.

Visitors: Ms. Suggs,

Awards and Recertification

Initial Certification (for 2023) Pat Clements,

Initial Certification (2024) Christin Vega Recertification (for 2023) Pat Clements

Recertification (for 2024) Jenny Dailey, Cindy Frank, Teri Gettelfinger, Tom Emmons, Ann Flanagan, Nancy Gettelfinger, Pat Clark..

250 hours Pat Clark.

15,000 hours are given an Aloe tile. Chad Huckabee has earned 15,476 hours. Phil Woods has his 4,000 hours to get Presidential recognition.

Officer and Directors reports

Michele Connelly-President

During our board meeting we adopted our new budget and moved money to different committees. Everything is going great. At the back of the room is a purple sheet to write down what committee you want to help with. There is another sheet if you are interested in helping with outreach programs. The next outreach is at the Home and Garden show at the American Bank Center on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The Science Fair program was a great success. We interacted with parents and children who are interested in science.

Leslie Albrecht-Vice President

No report

Jean Meadors-Secretary No report

Ann Flanagan-Treasurer

For some reason Rally Bank charged us a service fee because our balance went below \$2500. Several of us mentioned we had rally acccounts that didn't charge. She will check into that. Dues are due by the end of March. See report at end of minutes.

Bibi Dalrymple-Immediate Past President

TMN Tuesdays are a good way to get Advanced training hours. You can watch them anytime in 2024. The January one was good for learning about state program. Links to TMN TUesdays are on our calender.

Chad Huckabee-Advanced Training

Completed our 2nd advanced training on the dichotomous key. March will be at Hazel Bazemore. Kim Ogden will have full-day teacher's program on plants at Delta Preserve on 4/6. They would like 10 Master Naturalist and 10 teachers.

Mike Wenzel-Communications Director

no report.

Jenny Dailey-Membership director

Membership committee , Ann Flanagan has agreed to help. We do social events and hospitality events. We need to recruit more people.

There are new big changes coming to VMS system.

Dawn Bissell-New Class Director (Initial Training)

Not a lot to report.

Pat Clark-New Class Representative

No report,

Cindy Frank-Volunteer Management.

Showed us what effect we have. Information (totals) from the year 2023: Total AT hours submitted: 1,452.25 Total Volunteer hours: 16,243.50 Top opportunities: Multiplied by \$23/hour: Chapter Business 2,932.25 Can't really count this one PINS-RM 2,559.75 \$58,874.25 UTMSI-PO 1,504.75 \$34,609.25 ComPartServ-PO 932.00 \$21,436.00 Public CleanUp-RM 900.25 \$20,705.75 Flour Bluff Schools-RM 698.00 \$16.054.00 Blucher Park-RM 560.00 \$12,880.00 CC Museum-RM 531.50 \$12,224.50 NDP-DO 455.25 \$10,470.75 OBWPNC-PO 435.25 \$10,010.75 Citizen Science-FR 409.25 \$9.412.75 Flour Bluff Schools-PO 396.25 \$9,113.75 16,243.50 x \$23/hour = \$373,600.50 16,243.50 less Chapter Business = 13,308 x \$23/hour = \$306,084.00

Announcements and Opportunities

None

Advisors-, Holly Grand-..no report. Norma Munoz-no report

Chapter meeting adjourned at 7:06

Chapter business -.5 Advanced training-1 hour

Leslie Albrecht Introduced guest speaker,. Karen Bassett Stevenson President and CEO of the Corpus Christi Museum Science and History.



Treasurer's Report February 20, 2024

Savings	1/16	5829.96
	Total	\$5829.96
Checking	Beginning balance as of 1/16	\$1670.74
Payments		
	1/31 Simple minimum balance fee	7.50
Deposits		
	2/20 Dues	602.24
	Ending balance as of February 20, 2024	\$2265.48
CD	Matures April 26, 2024 1/31 Interest	6055.70 26.33
	Total	\$6082.03
Total		\$14,177.47