

Minutes for STTMN CHAPTER meeting 09/17/2024 In Person at South Texas Botanical Gardens and VIA Zoom

Attendees:

Holly Ahern, Jammie Regier, Jason Edwards, Lori Jo Edwards, Jessica Hernandez, John Wilkins, Jon Brandt, Julie Findley, Jean Meadors, Krystal Palacios, Grace Lopez, Melodi Wells, Paula Baker, PJ Pratt, Sarah Knutson, Steve Schiwetz, Teri Gettelfinger, Nancy Gettelfinger, Ada Anderson, Adela Casiano, Andrea Alaniz, Carol Singleton, Cherie Heimann, Cheryl Wallek, Cornelia Gates, George Gardiner, Kensey McCain, Paul Swacina, Ric Garces, David Neipert, Bibi Dalrymple, Rich Martin, Nada Martin, Sherry Stewart, Michele Connolly, Kent Garrett, Randy Bissell, Dawn Bissell, Cindy Frank, ty Baker, Chuck Blend, Christy Blend, Chad Huckabee, Bryan Tilley, Erica Salizas, Jim Butcher., Emily Suggs, Claude Smith, Suzanne Smith, Sherry Stewart, Pat Clark, Bob Brown, Leslie Albrecht, Toni Briscoe, Cindy Hanifen, Winnie Shrum,

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by Chapter President Michele Connolly

The minutes from the last Chapter meeting were adopted with no changes.

Visitors-Cheryl Wallek

Awards and Recertification

Recertification::

Pat Clements, Christina Lee, Emma Mathis, Ric Garces, Christin Vega

16,000 hours

Chad Huckabee

Officer and Directors reports

Michele Connelly-President

Regarding TMN state conference, they had 100 people try to sign up in first hour, 500 in 1st day. Who's going to conference? They always give money to President to attend conference, this year Michele asked board to approve giving this stipend to Cindy Frank. The State has finished phase 1 of textbook. It probably will be several years before it is finished. They are revamping VMS

system hopefully they will give us a heads-up and training about new system. Friends of Padre is having event Oct 21st., Michele and Holly Ahern are running.. If you have a brochure you would like to add send to Hannah Ferguson at TMN state headquarters.

Leslie Albrecht-Vice President

No report

Brought information about volunteer opportunities at OSO Bay

Jean Meadors-Secretary

No report

Ann Flanagan-Treasurer

See attached report..

Bibi Dalrymple-Immediate Past President

We have done 13 outreach events and 3 school events. Tell her about any event that would be of interest. We have liaisons for different organizations, check list for the liaisons. ie; Randy-Mustang Island, Chuck Blend for Museum and Astronomical Society,Bib-for Audubon Society, and Phil for She has sent out links for volunteers for Friends of Padre on Oct. 21st and Celebration of flight on Sept, 28th. September 29th 5-7 pm they will need help with weeding and mulching at Flour Bluff. On Oct 12th UTSMI will have an open lab and the KATY will be open.

Audubon Society is celebrating since 1957-Steward ship of Bluntzer Park and polliwog pond.??

Chad Huckabee-Advanced Training Program Director Training classes were successful, We will need to figure out which classes were want to continue doing.

Mike Wenzel-Communications Director

No report.

Jenny Dailey-Membership director

Not present.

Dawn Bissell-New Class Director (Initial Training)

Our training classes have shifted. They have been going very well. We will

have an entomologist and weather person in our Thursday classes.

Patricia Clark-New Class Representative

No report

Cindy Frank-Volunteer Management

We will be having a project and the Flour Bluff intermediate school garden. Service project at Botanical Gardens they need help with the butterfly hill.

Announcements and Opportunities

Leslie Albrecht wanted to thank all the volunteers who have been helping at the Oso Bay.

Mike Wenzel mentioned they will have kayak certification at Lake Corpus Christi in October We will have Kid Fish on January .

Advisors-Daisy Castillo-Not present Holly Grand-not present.

Michele Connolly concluded meeting

Leslie Albrecht introduced our speaker Katherine Tunnel

Chapter business .75 AT- .75



Treasurer's Report
September 17, 2024

Money market

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| 8/20/24 | 14762.66 |
| Interest | 23.49 |

Total 9/17/24 **\$ 14786.15**

Checking

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| 8/20/24 | 3454.61 |
| Deposits | |
| 8/20 Intern dues | 190.00 |
| 8/20 textbook | 40.00 |

Payments

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| 8/22 | Check 104 | Jenny Dailey for food reimbursement for social | 172.66 |
| 8/22 | Square reimbursement for two interns | | 300.00 |
| 8/30 | Texas A&M for 18 textbooks | | 630.00 |

Total paid 1102.66

Checking account balance **\$2581.95**

Total 9/17/24 **\$17,368.10**