

## MINUTES OF THE 23 AUGUST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President Jane Crone called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. in the Conference Room of the NPSOT State Office.

Present were: Beverly Allen, Jane Crone, Maggie Livings, Mike Mangum, Darlene Stewart, and Glenn Thompson.

The minutes of the July 19<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved with two corrections: "Hill Country Living Trust" was changed to "Hill Country Land Trust", and "Corpus Christy" was changed to "Corpus Christi."

The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

President Crone announced that Shirley and Brian Loflin will be the presenters at the meeting of the general membership on August 31<sup>st</sup>, and Lonnie Childs will present a program on early Texas botanists at the September 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

President Crone also mentioned that Pat McCormick is attempting to identify a member who will volunteer his or her home for the Christmas party. Board members discussed possibilities.

Beverly Allen, Director of Outreach and Education, described her experience attending a seminar at the Cibolo Nature Center, where participants learned to develop and use Nature Boxes. Nature boxes contain lesson plans and supportive learning materials for use with students in grades 3 and 4; although, many of the activities are appropriate for use by students up to junior high school. Ms. Allen stated that these boxes can be checked out for short periods of time for use by young people in Fredericksburg.

Director Allen reported that she hopes to schedule activities at the Boys and Girls Center one day a month after school. President Crone and Director Allen will investigate Boy Scouts awards to determine if there are awards which would be appropriate for the Fredericksburg Chapter to support. President Crone will also check the NPSOT Handbook to see if there are criteria and forms which are suitable for this type of activity.

Membership Director Darlene Stewart reported that the social event for new members on August 12<sup>th</sup> was a success. She suggested that it might be good to schedule this kind of event every six months.

Director of Gardens Maggie Livings stated that there was little or no activity at the gardens other than watering, because of the heat.

President Crone read a communication from Wildscapes Workshop Director Lynn Sample stating that folders are being obtained from the LCRA and handouts are being acquired from workshop presenters. Director Sample intends to schedule a meeting before Labor Day, so that workshop committee members can insert materials into the folders.

President Crone mentioned that books to be sold at the Workshop have been ordered from Shearer Publishing in Fredericksburg and Forest Sales and Distributing, a book wholesaler in Louisiana.

President Crone indicated that Gracie Waggener, the Director in charge of Texas Native Plant Week activities, will be scheduling volunteers to assist at a gathering to observe this event on October 17<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Fredericksburg Historical Society building. The general membership will be provided with information regarding this event and invitations will be sent to select local individuals.

President Crone reported that volunteers have been scheduled to assist at the Chapter's booth at the Gillespie Country Fair on August 27, 28 and 29; Peggy and John Benson have provided volunteers with instruction.

President Crone also presented information about the Texas Plant Conservation Conference which is scheduled for September 15 through the 17<sup>th</sup> at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. The Fredericksburg Chapter has five tickets available to members interested in attending this conference.

Directors Darlene Stewart and Maggie Livings reported on efforts of the Nominating Committee to develop a slate of candidates to present to the general membership.

President Crone mentioned that Director Maggie Livings will be presenting a program on flower arranging at NPSOT's Annual Conference in Denton on October 7<sup>th</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup>.

Field Trip Director Stephanie Sutton is attempting to schedule a field trip to the Westcave Preserve on October 5<sup>th</sup>. A tour of the facility would begin at 10:00 a.m.; the admission charge would be \$5.00. The Board approved a motion to pay the admission price of anyone providing transportation on field trips such as this.

The next Board meeting will be on Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Glenn Thompson, Secretary