

MINUTES OF THE NPSOT FREDERICKSBURG CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 22, 2011

President Beverly Allen called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. in the Conference Room of the State Office.

Present: Beverly Allen, Jane Crone, John Huecksteadt, Hal Livings, Maggie Livings, Ward Miller, Linda Ross, Darlene Stewart, Joyce Studer, Glenn Thompson

The minutes for June 20, 2011, were approved with the following change to the paragraph on page two which reads "The Board approved an \$80 gift to Pat and Ric McCormick for hosting the Chapter Picnic in June." This paragraph should read "The Board approved an \$80 payment to Pat and Ric McCormick to reimburse them for plants purchased to decorate their home for the Chapter Picnic in June."

Treasurer Hal Livings presented a Financial Summary, Budget Status to Date, and Monthly Comparative Balance Sheet. The Board reviewed Donations and Community Outreach categories item by item and discussed appropriate times to pay these items.

A motion was made and approved to take up New Business at this point in the meeting. Jane Crone, John Huecksteadt, and Kent Rylander were approved by the Board as members of a Nominating Committee.

The Board and members of the Nominating Committee discussed the responsibilities to be assumed by Directors and Committee Chairpersons; these include: Membership, Members' Classes, Field Trips, the NICE Program, a Newsletter, and a new category—Communication (including publicity and the web site).

Vice President and Program Chairperson Ward Miller announced that Elizabeth McGreevey will present the program on August 30th. A speaker's fee of \$75 will be paid to Ms. McGreevey.

Vice President Miller also announced that the Christmas Party will be held at Kairos—The Celebration Barn on December 8th, 2011. Board members discussed suggestions that a social be held from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. and that the group should begin to eat at 6:00 p.m. Further discussion was tabled until the October meeting.

Membership Chairperson and Director Darlene Stewart reported that the Fredericksburg Chapter has 122 members. This number does not include individuals who have not renewed their memberships. She also mentioned that a New Members' Social will be held at 6:30 p.m. before the regular monthly meeting of the general membership in October.

Education Chairperson and Director Linda Ross discussed plans to provide educational materials to attendees at the Wildscapes Workshop. She also reported that the Chapter will have a display in the Pioneer Memorial Library during the month of October.

Teachers in Fredericksburg elementary schools are demonstrating increased interest in having students plant vegetable gardens.

Members' Classes Chairperson Joyce Studer discussed tentative plans to offer a class in October. She would welcome suggestions for classes.

Field Trip Chairperson Jane Crone described possible places for field trips. They include a cactus garden in Kerrville and the Lady Bird Wildflower Center in Austin. Ms. Crone also would welcome suggestions for trips.

President Allen reported that the Kerrville Chapter is planning to discontinue its association with the NICE Program. The nurseries involved remain receptive to the program, but have asked for more input regarding plants to feature.

Old Business.

President Allen will remind members of the Benny J. Simpson Award at the August 30th meeting and have forms available. The deadline is December 1st.

Because of contributions by the Chapter to sponsor a workshop and a scholarship at the Annual State Symposium, the state organization has informed the Chapter that it will provide free registration for a Chapter representative.

New Business.

After extensive discussion, the Board voted not to have a booth at the Gillespie County Fair in 2011.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on October 17th at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Thompson, Secretary

Note: These minutes are tentative until considered for approval at the October meeting.