

THE FREDERICKSBURG CHAPTER OF THE NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY OF TEXAS  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF THE DIRECTORS  
DECEMBER 6, 2011

Present: Barbara Allen, Jane Crone, Hal Livings, Maggie Livings, Ward Miller, Sharon Rodriquez, Linda Ross, Darlene Stewart, Joyce Studer, Glenn Thompson, JoAnna Troppy

President Allen called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. in the Conference Room of the NPSOT State Office Building.

The Minutes of the August 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting were accepted as presented.

Membership Director Darlene Stewart reported a current membership of 128 individuals. This number included three new members and two individuals who recently renewed their memberships. Nine members from 2010 have not renewed their memberships.

Gardens Director Maggie Livings displayed examples of signs being made for the gardens maintained by the Chapter. It was suggested that the information on the signs would be appropriate and useful for publicity.

Education Director Linda Ross reported that she and Jane Crone had taught students in a fourth-grade class about native plants and helped them make seed balls. This proved to be difficult because the time available for work with students was limited to one hour once a week. Ms. Ross also described the condition of the flower bed outside of the classroom which was planted several months ago.

Members Classes Chairperson Joyce Studer was asked to prepare a summary of classes conducted during 2011.

Field Trips Chairperson Jane Crone was asked to prepare s summary of the field trips undertaken during 2011.

Jane Crone was congratulated as one of two recipients of the Benny J. Simpson Award.

President Allen indicated that books left over from the Wildscapes Workshop are stored in the attic at the State Office Building. Some of these will be presented as expressions of gratitude to individuals who have made significant contributions to the Chapter. Ward Miller and Linda Ross are in charge of this. DVDs remaining from the workshop will be given to Fredericksburg schools. From now on, Chapter materials housed in the State Office Building will be stored in the attic room at the east end of the building.

New Board members were welcomed: Andy Dolan as Director and Communications Chairperson, Sharon Rodriguez as Membership Chairperson, and JoAnna Troppy as Director and Secretary.

Ward Miller reported on preparations for the Christmas Party scheduled for December 12<sup>th</sup> in the Methodist Church. Lynne Paul is in charge of the general layout and serving, Beverly Allen will present a summary of activity during the year, Pat McCormick and Pat McConnell are preparing table decorations, and Pat Miller and her daughter will prepare party favors. The Christmas Party was moved from the Kairos Celebration Barn to the Methodist Church because of new regulations mandating that any food served in the Kairos facility would have to be catered.

Director and Program Chairperson Ward Miller requested that suggestions for programs in 2012 be submitted to him at the earliest opportunity.

Director and Treasurer Hal Livings presented a brief summary of the Chapter's financial status.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to discussion and action on monetary contributions to be made by the Chapter before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011.

A motion was approved to contribute \$250 to the Gillespie County Historical Society in appreciation for the Chapter's use of the Society's meeting room.

A motion was approved to contribute \$500 to the Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center.

A motion was approved to contribute \$250 to the Good Samaritan Center, with a request that this be used for the care and enhancement of the gardens.

No additional funds were allocated for the Fredericksburg Nature Center.

No additional funds were allocated for the Golden Hub Senior Center.

No additional funds were allocated for the Fredericksburg and Harper Public Libraries.

A motion was approved to confirm a donation of \$1,500 to the Bastrop Recover Project-Habitat Restoration. Donors to this fund need to be recognized on the Chapter's website and other appropriate places.

No additional funds were allocated for the Fredericksburg Boys and Girls Club.

No additional funds were allocated for the NICE Program.

A motion was approved to allocate \$500 to the Fredericksburg United Methodist Church in recognition of the Church's benevolence in providing the Chapter with meeting rooms.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Glenn Thompson, Secretary

These minutes are tentative until approved at Board meeting in January, 2012.