

NPSOT: Pines and Prairies Chapter

Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2021

Location: Zoom Meeting

- 1) **Call to Order** – Gail McConnell at 6:33pm
- 2) **Roll call for establishing a board quorum** – Gail McConnell, Abbie Ince-Hendrickson, Aram Derewetzky, Martin Simonton, Kim Cox. David Lemons joined later.
- 3) **Attendees Present** – Carol Childres, Jane Jenkins, Marlene Madincea, Anita Tiller, Kathy Herrick, Eric Walberg
- 4) **Presentation of the minutes of the last meeting** – Gail McConnell, President
Gail confirmed with Alicia Mein-Johnson that Alicia wanted to participate in the Heartwood project, but is working on becoming a Heartwood Chapter member and does not wish to chair the project for Pines and Prairies. Minutes should be corrected by deleting reference to Alicia's volunteering to chair the Heartwood project.
Move to Accept with correction: Aram, Second: Abbie. Motion carried with no objection.
- 5) **Report of the President** – Gail McConnell, President
 - a) Howard Hughes Corp. posted commercial signs on FM 1488. Gail has asked for permission to access the property to look for native plants.
 - b) Carl Barton Garden Project. Four Master Gardeners have expressed interested in the Carl Barton Park project. Glenn Olsen would like to be part of the project. Meeting set for next Friday at the garden site.
 - c) Heartwood Ambassador/Advisor Project. Plant list was circulated for comment on formatting; Anita Tiller provided feedback. Adam and Martin will also advise on plant list to reflect ecoregions in Montgomery County. Martin suggested as resources BONAP plant atlas, Turner's vascular plant list of Texas, and USDA plants
 - d) Participation in the Shadow Lake Marsh Experience has been tabled.
 - e) Abbie expressed concern with stretching ourselves too thin with too many projects. Gail recognized that we should work on the approved projects to date—Heartwood Ambassador/Advisor Program, Carl Barton Garden Project, and developing NLCP classes for Montgomery County—until those are established.
- 6) **Report of the Treasurer** – David Lemons, Treasurer
 - a) David Lemons reported he will be setting up a bank account for the Chapter
- 7) **Report of Chairs and Committees** –
 - a) **Program Committee:** None
 - b) **Meet and Greet:** Carol Childres reported that Nature's Way Meet and Great for Feb. 20th has been indefinitely postponed due to COVID concerns. Discussed possibly setting up soil yard tours with John Ferguson at Nature's Way; setting a couple of dates with a limit of 5 persons/families. Marlene Madincea reported that SignupGenius is used by the Master Gardeners. She will send information to Gail. Carol will assist in setting up the tours.
- 8) **Unfinished Business**

- a) Election of new Secretary to fill a vacancy in that office. Abbie Ince-Hendrickson nominated Eric Walberg. Call for other nominees was included at the last Board meeting and in the notice of the Board meeting on February 4, 2021. No other nominations being received; Eric was elected by acclamation.

9) Planned New Business--None

10) Unplanned New Business

- a) Gail reiterated that as a matter of course, unplanned new business raised at a meeting and requiring a vote will only be voted on after notice to the membership of the Chapter.
- b) Goal for the next meeting is to preview and approve the content of the Chapter website, Facebook page, and a member profile form
- c) Next Board meeting will be Thursday, February 18, at 6:30pm.

11) Adjournment at 7:10pm

Accepted by the Board on February 18, 2021.

Electronically signed: Eric Walberg, Secretary