

NPSOT: Pines and Prairies Chapter

Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2021

Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

- 1 Call to Order – 7:03pm**
- 2 Roll call for establishing a board quorum –** Kim Cox, Aram Derewetzky, David Lemons, Abbie Ince-Hendrickson, Gail McConnell, Martin Simonton
- 3 Additional Attendees Present –** Carol Childres, Kathie Herrick
- 4 Presentation of the minutes of the last meeting –** Gail McConnell, President
Motion to Accept, Aram; second, Abbie. All in favor, accepted.
- 5 Report of the President –** Gail McConnell, President
 - 5.a** Chapter email will remain the same, npsot.org email will not work—messages to all members cannot be sent.
 - 5.b** Carl Barton Park. Texas Master Naturalist intern has sized the garden in a butterfly shape using Google maps.
- 6 Report of the Treasurer –** David Lemons, Treasurer
 - 6.a** We have nursery event and tax sales permits for the sale, which must be prominently displayed at the sale.
 - 6.b** Charge account processing vendor:
 - b.1** Square has no monthly charge, \$10 for a scanner, first one free; can be use on our cell phones; online sales capability, and can be linked to PayPal
 - b.2** Comerica has a monthly charge fee of \$9.99; \$80 per chip reader. Comerica has online sales capability.
 - b.3** Motion to use Square made by Abbie, seconded by Martin, all in favor, motion passed.
 - 6.c** David will buy a cash box and obtain starting cash for the sale.
- 7 Report of Chairs and Committees –**
 - 7.a** Program chair- Martin Simonton
 - a.1** Seed collection is scheduled for Saturday, June 19, at 8:00 am.
 - a.2** Aram will obtain permission for collection at the New Preserve managed by Bayou Land Conservancy.
 - 7.b** NCLP chair – Kim Cox
 - b.1** Committee is looking for a place to hold the plant walk
 - b.2** Plant list will be tailored to the plants seen on the walk
- 8 Unfinished Business-**
 - 8.a** Chapter logo – Gail McConnell. 29 of 65 members voted. Want a majority of the members voting. Logos will be posted at the plant sale to complete the vote.
 - 8.b** June 12 Plant and yard sale.
 - b.1** Martin Simonton will review plants on Friday, June 11

- b.2**After discussion, motion made by Aram to price plants -- \$3 for 4-inch, \$5 for quart, \$10 for 1 and 2-gallon, special pricing; second by Abbie. All in favor, motion passed.
- b.3**After discussion, motion made by Martin to raffle five plants, each with their own drawing; seconded by Aram. All in favor, motion passed.
- b.4**Motion made by Abbie to price raffle tickets at \$1 or 6 tickets for \$5; seconded by David. All in favor, motion passed.
- b.5**After discussion, all were opposed to online sale of raffle tickets on the day of the sale.
- b.6**Kathie Herrick asked about carts or trays for plants purchased. Carol Childres will provide trays for the sale.
- b.7**Sign-up Genius to be published to schedule volunteers for Friday morning set-up to move plants to the sale area, staging, placing tables for membership and check-out, tent to shade plants, watering in the afternoon, if needed
- b.8**Gail will lend a folding table and pop-up tent. David and Carol will see if there's a free table at Nature's Way to use on Saturday.
- b.9**After discussion, Abbie moved to limit advertising to the Chapter's Facebook page and website, the Heartwood Chapter's calendar, flyer posted at Nature's Way to invite their customers, and neighborhood bulletins/Facebook pages. Seconded by Kim, all in favor, motion passed.

8.c Fall Symposium. Aram and Abbie will host a plant walk at George Mitchell Nature Preserve, Kathie and Anita Tiller will host a plant walk at Shadow Lake Marsh. Martin will attend the walks and requested more information with regard to the duties of a representative to the State committee. Gail will clarify.

9 Planned New Business

9.aNext board meeting: Thursday, July 8, 2021, 7:00pm. Treasurer's quarterly report to be reviewed and approved.

10 Unplanned New Business

None

11 Adjournment – 8:07pm

These minutes were accepted by the Board on July 8, 2021
Electronically signed by Eric Walberg, Secretary