

NPSOT: Pines and Prairies Chapter

Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2021

Location: Zoom Meeting

- 1) **Call to Order** – 7:08pm
- 2) **Roll call for establishing a board quorum** – Eric Walberg, David Lemons, Gail McConnell, Abbie Ince-Hendrickson
- 3) **Additional Attendees Present** – None
- 4) **Presentation of the minutes of the last meeting** – Gail McConnell.
Motion to Accept: Abbie, Second: Eric. All in favor, motion carries.
- 5) **Report of the President** – Gail McConnell, President
 - a) Hybrid Meeting on November 10, 2021
 1. 22 members in attendance either on location or virtually, plus 15 others via Zoom
 2. It was recommended that we require registration for Zoom access so that the Chapter can follow up with nonmembers
 - b) February elections to be held to stagger the Board in accordance with the By-Laws.
 1. Positions up for election: President, Secretary, Director-at-large.
 2. Carson Stokes has agreed to chair a nominating committee.
 - (1) Gail McConnell will stand for re-election as President.
 - (2) Mike McGee has agreed to fill the Director-at-Large position.
 - (3) Secretary position is open.
- 6) **Report of the Treasurer** – David Lemons, Treasurer
 - a) WG Jones Prairie Restoration project.
 1. Make seed balls on November 26th and throw them on the 27th
 2. Prairie will be located at Middle Lake on the southside of the forest.
 - b) The third quarter financial report was submitted on time in October.
 1. Working with member Christine Maly, CPA, to set-up accounting for the Chapter.
 - c) Call for year-end expenditures.
 1. Carl Barton and Spring Creek Greenway Nature Center
 - (1) The Board agreed to keep the \$250 allocation for Carl Barton Park demo garden
 - (2) Allocate funds for Spring Creek Greenway commemorative garden after we know what plants are needed and whether mulch must be purchased
 2. Distribution of research, scholarship, and grant funds deferred to next meeting.
 - (1) Members may be polled to determine how to distribute
 - (2) Bring Back the Monarchs is a possible donee, not donor for our projects
 - (3) Find out what research is being done at University of Houston, Stephen F Austin, Sam Houston, Lone Star.College
- 7) **Report of Chairs and Committees**
 - a) Report of Program Committee – Gail discussed in Martin’s absence
 1. Seed mailing went out Monday, November 15.
 - (1) Postage cost \$46.40--58 cent first class postage used.
 - (2) Minimum number of pieces for nonprofit marketing mail is 200
 2. Propagation sessions:

(1) Date of Spring Plant Sale?

- (a) March ____, 2022, at Martin's place, 2701 Lone Star Parkway, Montgomery
 - (i) Martin will be working on expanding parking and other improvements to handle traffic.
 - (ii) Continue discussion on date and place

b) Report of Outreach Committee – Gail discussed in Aram's absence

- (1) Gail has asked Aram to plan a calendar of events for 2022**
- (2) Focus of selection criteria for events—reach the unconverted**

8) Unfinished Business -

- a) First anniversary celebration, January 29, 2022, 1-3pm, Spring Creek Greenway Nature Center, open to public.
 - 1. Abbie will design a flyer to post at the Nature Center, libraries, and nurseries.
 - 2. Plant commemorative pollinator garden (Board to approve)
 - 3. Plant walks
 - (1) Abbie and Aram
 - (2) Martin
 - (3) Anita and Kathie
 - 4. Short talks by various members
 - (1) Adam Black
 - (2) Anita Tiller
 - (3) Abbie Ince-Hendrickson
 - (4) Other?
 - 5. Nominations from the floor for board elections
 - 6. Plant giveaways, seed raffle
 - 7. Tea or water, cupcakes decorated with redbud?
 - 8. Discussion deferred to next meeting.

9) Planned New Business -

- a) General Meeting February 26 should be an outing
- b) Conroe school garden deferred to a future meeting.
- c) Next board meeting, Thursday, January 13, 2022 @ 7:00pm via Zoom.

10) Unplanned New Business -

- a) Favorable discussion on member April Smith's suggestion to have a native plant exchange page on Facebook, deferred to next meeting

11) Adjournment – 8:05pm