

Pines and Prairies Chapter Native Plant Society of Texas

Pines and Prairies Chapter Board Meeting – April 28, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:01p by President, Gail McConnell.

A quorum was established. Board members present were Gail McConnell, Mike McGee, David Lemons, Aram Derewetzky, Carolyn Worsham, and Abbie Ince-Hendrickson. Don Dubois, advisor; Linda Roe, Mary Resek, Daveena Leipman, and Janisue Rigel also attended.

Minutes were approved for:

February 10, 2022 Chapter Board Meeting – Approval moved by Aram, seconded by Mike

January and February General Meetings – Approval moved by Carolyn, seconded by Aram

Gail reported that the recent plant sale netted over \$4,000. Twenty volunteers assisted with the sale.

Martin Simonton requested a list of desired host plants to propagate for future plant sales. Don will chair this effort.

Gail suggested a milkweed propagation challenge to members to achieve a goal of offering more milkweed (both in number and variety) for future sales. Because sourcing seeds is difficult at this time of the year, making the challenge was deferred to later this summer.

The condition of the pollinator garden at Spring Creek Nature Center was discussed. Don and Mike reported that most of the plants look sad, much of the mulch is gone, and nut grass is rampant. Regular watering has been a challenge. Mike volunteered to water each Wednesday when needed (assuming the Nature Center Staff recharges the barrels when needed). The following were suggested:

- Renew mulch (estimate of 10-12 yards) with double ground rather than composted course mulch
- Reduce radius of the garden by 1 yard
- Remove weeds
- Cover bare areas with more cardboard and mulch

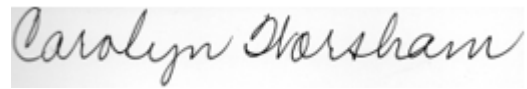
Abbie moved and Aram seconded that we approve an expenditure of up to \$350 for mulch from Nature's Way. The motion was approved. Jessica Mauch will be asked to, and Abbie will provide trailers for transporting the mulch. Workdays were set for Monday, May 2, and Monday, May 16 starting at 9:00am

Gail proposed that we volunteer for a day at TreeSource Wholesale Nursery in Houston to establish a relationship with a second provider for plants for our plant sale. The consensus was that we prefer a strictly commercial relationship with TreeSource without volunteer commitment because of its distance from our volunteer base.

The next board meeting is scheduled from Thursday, May 26, at 7:00pm

The regular board meeting was adjourned at 8:04p.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn Hershman". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.