

# Pines and Prairies Chapter Native Plant Society of Texas

## Pines and Prairies Chapter Board Meeting – August 18, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:02p by President Gail McConnell.

A quorum was established. Board members present were Gail McConnell, David Lemons, Carolyn Worsham, Mike McGee, Aram Derewetzky, and Abbie Ince-Hendrickson. Martin Simonton was absent. Amy Birdwell, Kathie Herrick, and Eric Walberg also attended.

Minutes were approved for the July 14, 2022, Chapter Board Meeting (approval moved by Mike; seconded by Carolyn).

**Report of the President Gail McConnell** – Gail requested input on whether to remove those whose memberships had expired for longer than two months from the email distribution list. Aram moved and Abbie seconded to leave them on the P&P email distribution list. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carried.

### **Report of the Treasurer David Lemons** –

- Mike moved and Aram seconded that the Secretary Position be added to the chapter banking accounts. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carried.
- Carolyn moved and Aram seconded that authorized signers on the Pines and Prairies bank account may spend, without prior Board authorization, budgeted amounts less than \$100. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.
- Abbie moved and Aram seconded that any unbudgeted expenditure, including amounts over budget, require prior approval of the Board either at a meeting or via email. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

**Report from NLCP Committee** – Kathie Herrick reminded all that the Fall Level 1 NLCP class is scheduled for October 15 from 8a-4p at Timberlane Utility District Community Center for the classroom portion and Mercer Botanic Gardens for the plant walk.

### **Unfinished Business**

- Mike updated the plans for in-person monthly meetings.
  - Don Dubois will present Building a Butterfly Garden on September 21.
  - Plans will be finalized for a presentation by Sara Dykman for the meeting on October 10.
  - Bob Dailey will present a program on Earth Soils in November on a date to be determined at the next meeting

- In anticipation of needs for hybrid meetings, Carolyn moved and Aram seconded that Mike be authorized to spend up to \$300 for sound equipment for P&P use. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carried.
- Carolyn moved and Mike seconded to spend up to \$300 on aged pine mulch (including delivery) to be placed at the propagation garden at W. G. Jones State Forest. The mulch will be available for use by members who are propagating either on-site or at other locations in preparation for demonstration gardens and future plant sales. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.
- Mike moved and Aram seconded that the Chapter promote the opportunity to provide volunteer assistance at the pollinator garden at Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center (technically located in Harris County). All in favor, none opposed, the motion carried. Gail will check with the Houston Chapter for their approval.
- Gail presented the proposed three-year plan. Adding demonstration gardens, propagation sites, opportunities east of I-45, the NICE program, and additional NLCP classes were discussed. Further consideration of the plan was deferred until the September meeting.


**New Business** - None

#### **Announcements**

- The next board meeting will be held via Zoom on September 22 at 7p.
- Amy Birdwell, chairperson for the Fall Plant Sale, reminded the group of the upcoming sale on Saturday, October 8, 2022, at New World Botanical and thanked Gail and Carolyn for completing the flyer. The budget for the sale will be considered at the September meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08p.

Respectfully submitted,

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