

# Pines and Prairies Chapter Native Plant Society of Texas

## Pines and Prairies Chapter Board Meeting – November 10, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:00p by President Gail McConnell.

A quorum was established. Board members present were Gail McConnell, Martin Simonton, Carolyn Worsham, Mike McGee, David Lemons, Aram Derewsky, and Abbie Ince-Hendrickson. Amy Birdwell, April Smith, Patti Thompson, and Kathie Herrick also attended.

Minutes were approved for the September 22, 2022, Chapter Board Meeting (approval moved by Abbie; seconded by Aram; approval was unanimous).

### **Report of the President Gail McConnell –**

- Gail thanked members for their participation in chapter activities which culminated in designation as NPSOT Chapter of the Year.
- Three members were recognized at the Heartwood Chapter, Texas Master Naturalist meeting for significant service – Mike McGee, Patti Thompson, and Carolyn Worsham

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

- Due to travel, the quarterly report wasn't at hand.
- The report that was due to state on 10/15/22 for eligibility to receive membership rebates was filed in a timely manner.

### **Report of the Program Committee Chairman Martin Simonton –**

- Construction of the greenhouse on the property of New World Botanical is basically complete.
- Carolyn Worsham has the Cardinal Flower seeds ready for mailing to members as a thank-you for membership.
- Many new species will be available for the spring plant sale. Michael Eason contributed seeds.
- Adam Black will provide access to two smaller greenhouses. Aram volunteered to help with installation
- No work has been done on the irrigation system at W. G. Jones. Accessibility to valves is a problem.
- College Park High School students are waiting on us for a schedule for planting.
- Seed collecting should be scheduled for next fall.

### **Report of Plant Sales Chairman Amy Birdwell –**

- The fall plant sale netted about \$2,400.
- Feedback was requested.
- Changes are proposed for cashier positioning, parking, timing for preparation of plant signs.
- Tentative date for Spring Plant Sale is April 14 (to be chaired by Amy).

### **Report on NLCP Class Offerings (Kathie Herrick) –**

- Kathie thanked Mike McGee for taking over the Fall 2022 Level 1 class.
- Mike reported the class went well. 37 were in attendance. He suggested smaller groups for the plant walk.

- Kathie tentatively set a committee meeting for Tuesday, November 15.
- The tentative date for the Level 3 class is October 18, 2023; the tentative date for the Level 1 class is May 6, 2023.
- There is no update on the Level 3/Level 1 redo.

#### **Report on In-Person Chapter Meetings (Mike) –**

- About 27 attended the presentation (in-person and online).
- The November 16 chapter meeting will feature a presentation on Soils by Bob Dailey. Gail will send out a special invitation to members.

#### **Report on Friendsgiving (Abbie) –**

- Seed dispersal will be a part of the Friendsgiving celebration on November 2.
- Members are encouraged to invite friends and family.
- Aram will be available for plant walks.

#### **Unfinished Business**

- Gail presented the proposed calendar for 2023. Aran moved and Carolyn seconded to approve the calendar. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.
- Gail presented the proposed budget for 2023. Martin moved and Mike seconded to approve the budget. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

#### **New Business**

- Carson Stokes, Chairman of the Nominations Committee, submitted April Smith as nominee for treasurer (to replace David Lemons). David Lemons was nominated to the Board (to replace Aram Derewsky). The nominees will be presented at the January chapter meeting, and voting will take place at the February chapter meeting.

#### **Announcements**

- The next board meeting will be held via Zoom on Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 7p.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02p.

Respectfully submitted,

