

# Pines and Prairies Chapter Native Plant Society of Texas

## Pines and Prairies Chapter Board Meeting – January 12, 2023

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, Mary Radspinner, Carol Childress, Jessica Mauch, and Kathie Herrick also attended.

Minutes were approved for the November 10, 2022, Chapter Board Meeting (approval moved by Martin; seconded by Abbie; approved unanimously).

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

- Gail presented a generic business card design for Pines and Prairies Chapter. Cards will be used to provide contact information at offices, public outreach activities, etc. Adam moved and Abbie seconded to approve the design. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.
- Gail shared a request by Heartwood Chapter, Texas Master Naturalist, to assist with monthly nature hikes at Lake Creek Preserve. Adam and Abbie volunteered to prepare a script for the walk. Abbie moved and Aram seconded to support the volunteer opportunity. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.
- Nine College Park High School students volunteered at the W.G. Jones Propagation Station on Sunday.

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

- The beginning balance for Q4 2022 was \$7,070.31; the ending balance for Q4 was \$9,136.
- The State Office has changed from a web form for accounting to a spreadsheet form.
- All P&P chapter credit cards have been cancelled. All reimbursements for the future will be paid by check.

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

- The new 1700 sq ft greenhouse on the property of New World Botanical should be covered this week.
- The seed inventory indicated more than 350 species. Over 100 still need to be planted. Many new species will be available for the spring plant sale. Michael Eason contributed seeds, and Adam Black donated two greenhouses. Probably 80% of the species will be available for the spring plant sale, approximately 4 times the diversity offered for the Fall 2022 sale.
- The Spring Plant Sale, chaired by Amy Birdwell, will be held on April 14-15, 2023. Improvements to the physical area are planned prior to the sale.

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

- The Pines and Prairies NLCP Level 1 class will be offered at Mercer Botanic Gardens on May 2, 2023.
- Kathie will host a meeting of interested NLCP chapter members on Monday, January 16, 2023, at 7p.
- Pines and Prairies members have been invited to participate in the NPSOT materials review of the NLCP Level 3 class on Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

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

- 91 are registered to attend the January meeting via Zoom. The proposed slate of officers will be presented by Carson Stokes.
- Teri MacArthur will present the January 18 program; Mike McGee will probably present the February program; Alicia Mein will present the March program.

### **Report on Signage (Abbie Ince-Hendrickson) –**

- The report on signage for the W. G. Jones Prairie Garden and Spring Creek Greenway Center was deferred.

### **Unfinished Business - none**

### **New Business**

- Mary Radspinner presented a proposal regarding the removal of 30+ nandinas at the Creative Life Spiritual Center and subsequent planting of native plants. She initially requested \$425 for removal; however, consideration was deferred until Mike and others have a chance to evaluate the property and make a recommendation for future planting.
- Gail presented draft job descriptions for Pines and Prairies board members for consideration and input. The decision regarding publication of a quarterly newsletter was deferred to a future meeting.
- Adam relayed the interest of the Bayou Land Conservancy in native trees for a BLC property. Gail suggested procuring trees from the nursery at W. G. Jones Forest.

### **Announcements**

- Chapter Board Meetings are scheduled for the first Thursday of odd-numbered months, The next board meeting will be held via Zoom on Thursday, March 2, 2023, at 7p.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11p.

Respectfully submitted,

