

Pines and Prairies Chapter Native Plant Society of Texas

Pines and Prairies Chapter Board Meeting – March 2, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:05p by President Gail McConnell.

A quorum was established. Board members present were Gail McConnell, Carolyn Worsham, Mike McGee, David Lemons, and Abbie Ince-Hendrickson. Carol Childress and Kathie Herrick also attended.

Minutes were approved for the

- January 12, 2023, Chapter Board Meeting (approval moved by Abbie; seconded by David; approved unanimously) and
- February 15, 2023, Chapter Meeting (approval moved by Abbie; seconded by David; approved unanimously)

Report of the President Gail McConnell –

- Magnolia High School Garden – Carol Childers developed a design plan and plant list and is working with Glenn Buckley, incoming president of the Rotary Club sponsoring the garden. Planting has been delayed until after spring break.

Report of the Treasurer April Smith (by Gail) –

- Permits for the April plant sale have been secured.
- Gail and April will visit the bank tomorrow to update the account signatures for the account.

Report of the Vice President/Program Committee Chairman Martin Simonton (by Gail) –

- Plants are doing well.
- Martin has reserved one flat (18-4” pots) of each of the about 200 species for the plant sale.
- Gail announced that a field trip to John Ferguson’s 113-acre farm in LaGrange where he is restoring a prairie is planned for Sunday, March 26. John’s property features 5 ecoregions, 2 spring/wells, and over 130 species of trees and plants.

Report on W. G. Jones Propagation Station (David Lemons) –

- Priorities include completing the inventory and organizing the plants.
- David and Abbie are working on ways to communicate with volunteers (such as Facebook).
- Expenditures have exceeded the budget. Carolyn moved and Abbie seconded that \$250 be added to the W. G. Jones Propagation Station budget. The motion passed.

Report of NLCP Committee (Kathie Herrick and Mike McGee) –

- NLCP Level 1 – The Pines and Prairies NLCP Level 1 class will be offered at Mercer Botanic Gardens on May 6, 2023. 13 are currently registered (prior to any local publicity). There will not be a plant sale on class day. The committee is looking for photos portraying our specific ecoregions and is also looking for a videographer for a proposed project. Kathie suggested starting a photo bank.
- NLCP Level 3 – Pines and Prairies members are assisting with the state-level revamp.
- Creative Life Garden – Mike is working with Mary Radspinner. A timeline for planting has not been set.

Report on In-Person Chapter Meetings – Mike McGee

- March speaker Alicia Mein-Johnson, iNaturalist – This will be a “hands-on” meeting.
- April speaker Brian Beebe, Wildflowers – Details have not been finalized. Brian has photos but no PowerPoint.

Report on Signage at WG Jones Prairie Garden and Spring Creek Greenway Nature Center – Abbie Ince-Hendrickson

- Abbie will have proofs for signs for approval at the next meeting.

Unfinished Business

- By individual voice vote, it was decided that a quarterly newsletter was not needed; therefore, it will not be a director’s responsibility. A discussion ensued on a division of labor among the director positions. The directors at large will continue to discuss and present their job descriptions for a vote at the next Board meeting.


New Business (none)

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, May 4, 2023, at 7p.
- The Spring Plant Sale will be held on April 14-15.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03p.

Respectfully submitted,

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