

## Minutes of Meeting of Cross Timbers Chapter of NPSOT

**June 23, 2023**

President Trisha Shirey welcomed everyone to the meeting at the Mt Pleasant School at 6:00 p.m.

### **Announcements:**

- President Shirey reminded everyone to sign the attendance sheet, including guests.
- There is no meeting in July and August will be a Zoom meeting with no business meeting. Handouts were distributed with the information and a QR code to join the meeting. The newest member, Lisa Nichols, was introduced.
- In September, the school is not available so we will meet at Cherry Park.

### **Committee and Project Reports:**

- **Secretary:** Matt Payne made a motion to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter and Nancy Wester seconded the motion. Motion passed. Chapter newsletter was sent out at the beginning of the month; there will be no newsletter in July.
- **Treasurer:** Matt Payne reported that we have a bank balance of \$8344.81. We received the \$600 grant for the Bring the Monarchs Back to Texas garden grant but did not use it all and must return some.
- **Hospitality:** President Shirey thanked Nancy Wester and Terri Walker for the refreshments for tonight's meeting. Matt and Shelley Payne will provide September refreshments.
- **Chandor Gardens Nature Trail:** Christie Tull reported that the workday is being changed to Saturday 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. There were four people there to work, and the flowers looked good, but the area from the gate getting into the trail was very choked up. They got two truckloads out last Saturday.
- **Lake Mineral Well Pollinator Garden:** Cindy Crump reported that the garden looks good and probably just needs watering. They will meet on the third

Saturday in July at the Administration Building at 9:00 a.m. but will not meet in August.

### **Old Business**

- We are still looking for a Membership Chair, which entails some paperwork, nametags, etc. Also need new folks working on publicity, social media, and the website.
- Yard signs were ordered and shipped to Trisha's house. Method of payment needs to be decided. They can be ordered again in November.

### **New Business**

- NPSOT Website is up and running.
- Our Chapter needs a new projector. Kathy DeMaggio made a motion to get a good one and will do some research. Cindy Crump seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Ricky Linex will lead a plant walk on the Saturday of Native Plant Week
- Wendy Weiss mentioned the property of Gardeners' Club member, Lynn Monaco, for a possible tour.
- Catherine Stanley will do the press releases for Native Plant Week.

### **Break and Snacks**

The program was Pollinators and Native Plants by Ricky Linex.

Following the excellent program and the raffle, Trisha Shirey presented "Show and Tell" about pressing and framing preserved, dried flowers. She indicated that BRIT has a huge file of such "flat flower art" in their herbarium. Our speaker in September will be discussing this. We could have an art project class during Native Plant Week.

There was a decision to keep the plant exchange at the Tuesday meeting, regular time, and location in October. Bring plant ID.

We have been invited to Chandor Gardens for our November Holiday Potluck meeting. Stay tuned for more details.

