

# Minutes of Meeting of Cross Timbers Chapter of NPSOT September 26, 2023

President Trisha Shirey welcomed everyone to the meeting at Cherry Park at 6:00 p.m. with twelve members and two guests present.

## Announcements:

- President Shirey reminded everyone to sign the attendance sheet, including guests.  
Everyone was reminded to send contributions to the Newsletter.

## Committee and Project Reports:

- **Secretary:** Libby Afflerbach made a motion to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter and Cynthia White seconded the motion. Motion passed. The Chapter newsletter was sent out at the beginning of the month.
- **Treasurer:** Matt Payne reported that we have a bank balance of \$8410.91 but owe for the signs.
- **Hospitality:** President Shirey and her sister, Lisa Nichols, will provide October's refreshments.
- **Chandor Gardens Nature Trail:** Christie Tull reported that the pollinator garden looks good, and the *Salvia farinacea* is spreading. Tomorrow stuff will be hauled to the chipper. The upper part of the trail looks good.

The city of Weatherford put in \$ 5,000.00, and we pay for the rental of the chipper - \$825.00 for the week. Matt Payne made a motion to pay this, and Ricky Linex seconded it. Motion passed. Christie Tull will pursue grants for further clearing work.

- Yard signs are \$ 20.00.
- Next month our meeting is at Mt. Pleasant School on October 24<sup>th</sup>. This will be our Plant Swap. Members should be potting up plants now. The plants should be in quart or gallon pots and name and growing information should accompany them.
- November meeting is our Holiday Potluck Dinner and will be at Chandor Gardens at 6:00 p.m.

## New Business

- Native Plant Week Plant Walk information is in the newsletter.
- Bill Hopkins mentioned the Master Naturalist Nature Fest October 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Bosque River Nature Path in Stephenville with a tour of the prairie, activities, and stuff for kids. There will be a table representing us. Amazon has tablecloths, and Bill will take the big display board.
- The Symposium is November 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> in Nacogdoches. Donations for the Silent Auction must be in by Saturday afternoon. Information is on the website.
- Catherine Stanley has resigned as Vice President, so we will be needing someone to be Vice President and set up programs and meeting sites.

Break and Snacks

Ricky Linex introduced the excellent program "the Collection and Preservation of **Herbarium Specimens**" by *Tiana Rehman, Director of the Philecology Herbarium of the Botanical Research Institute of Texas at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden*

Respectfully submitted Liz Street, Secretary

Sent with October Newsletter

Approved: XXXX