

Pines and Prairies Chapter Native Plant Society of Texas

Pines and Prairies Chapter Board Meeting – May 4, 2023

Approved July 13, 2023

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

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

Minutes were approved for the March 2, 2023 meeting (Mike moved, David seconded, board approved)

Report of the President Gail McConnell –

- The Woodland's Earth Day outreach event will be manned by Patti Thompson on May 13. There was no board opposition to this participation.
- The President's response in opposition to Proposed By-Laws for the Native Plant Society of Texas was approved (Mike moved, Carolyn seconded).
- The President's letter to Commissioner Charlie Riley in opposition to the pipeline planned for Lake Creek Preserve was approved (Carolyn moved, David seconded).

Report of the Treasurer April Smith –

- The reconciliation for the Spring Plant Sale was presented. Amy Birdwell, chairman of the fall sale, submitted the following data points:
 - ~\$5,000 in sales per day
 - 53 transactions on Friday; 82 transactions on Saturday
 - 25 volunteers
 - 160-180 plant varieties
- A formal report on the Funds Balances was deferred to the next meeting; however, note was made of a balance of about \$14,000 which is evenly allocated to demo gardens, education, administration/outreach, and contingency.
- Four invoices were presented by Martin Simonton, Lone Star Native Nursery. Two were for FaceBook boosts in 2022; one was for FaceBook boosts in 2023; and one was for 3600 plant tags, labor, and printing. After discussion, Mike moved and Carolyn seconded to pay the \$252 invoice for plant tags, labor and printing. The motion passed with Gail abstaining. Carolyn moved and Abbie seconded to consider paying the three invoices for FaceBook boosts (\$90, \$114, and \$90) only after receiving submission from Martin of supporting evidence. The motion passed with Gail abstaining.

Report of NLCP Committee (Kathie Herrick) –

- NLCP Level 1 – Current enrollment is 34 for the May 6, 2023, class at Mercer Botanic Garden.

Report on In-Person Chapter Meetings – Mike McGee

- After discussion, April moved and Mike seconded to continue the monthly chapter meetings. The motion passed. Mike moved and April seconded to hold 8 meetings per year (excepting December,

June, July, and August) with two in-person meetings and the remainder virtual meetings. No hybrid meetings will be offered.

Unfinished Business

- The vote on Job Descriptions for Elected Positions was deferred to the July meeting.

Planned New Business

- After discussion, April moved and Mike seconded to hold a fall plant sale in conjunction with The Woodlands Landscaping Solutions event on the last Saturday in September. The motion carried (with Gail abstaining).

Unplanned New Business

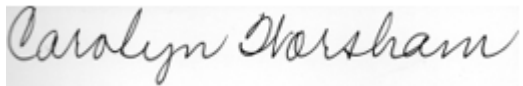
- Martin Simonton submitted a letter of resignation as Vice President and Board Member of Pines and Prairies. Mike moved and David seconded to accept his resignation effective May 1. The motion carried. Mike will draft a letter to Martin expressing our appreciation for his support of Pines and Prairies.

Announcements

- The next board meeting will be held via Zoom on Thursday, July 13, 2023, at 7p.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14p.

Respectfully submitted,

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