

Pines and Prairies Chapter Native Plant Society of Texas

Pines and Prairies Chapter Board Meeting – July 13, 2023

Approved September 7, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:01p 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, Hugh and Diane Wedgeworth, Helen Capozzelli, Carson Stokes, Alicia Mein Johnson, Leigh Ann Smith, and Kathie Herrick also attended.

Minutes were approved for the May 4, 2023 meeting (Mike moved, April seconded, board approved)

Report of the President Gail McConnell –

- Stephanie Beridon, Leigh Ann Smith, and Lauren Breman volunteered to help with administrative matters such as proofing plant information signs, the pollinator host plant database, and demo garden signs.
- Mike moved and David seconded that we accept the invitation from the Magnolia Rotary Club to man an outreach booth at a nature and environmental fair on September 23. The motion carried.

Report of the Treasurer April Smith –

- The bank balance is \$14,319.12. The quarterly report has been submitted to the NPSOT state office.

Report of NLCP Committee (Kathie Herrick) –

- Jay McGowan will take over as Chairman of the NLCP Committee, replacing Kathie Herrick who is moving.
- The NLCP Level 3 class is scheduled for November 4 at Mercer Botanical Gardens. This is the first time the Level 3 Class has been offered by Pines and Prairies. The final draft of the revised Level 3 Class has been submitted. Volunteers for the plant walk and a fourth presenter are needed.

Report on In-Person Chapter Meetings – Mike McGee

- September 20 Meeting (In Person) – A plant swap and potluck dinner is planned. The location will be announced when plans are formalized.
- October 18 Meeting (Virtual) – Terri MacArthur will speak about the impacts of planting natives on the environment.
- November 15 Meeting (Virtual) – Abbie Ince-Hendrickson will speak about landscaping with native plants.

Unfinished Business

- Carson Stokes, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented Alicia Mein Johnson as nominee for Vice President to replace Martin Simonton who resigned. Alicia is a horticulturist and educator at Jesse H. Jones Horticulture Center. There being no nominations from the floor, Mike moved and David seconded the motion to elect Alicia. The motion carried.
- Finalization of the job descriptions for Directors at Large was tabled until the next meeting.

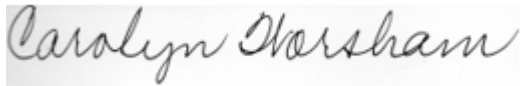
Planned New Business

- Carol Childres and Helen Capozzelli proposed a \$3,000 budget (\$2,500 for plants and \$500 for miscellaneous expenses) for the fall plant sale which is scheduled for September 30 in conjunction with the Woodlands Landscaping Solutions Event. After discussion, Abbie moved and April seconded the motion to fund the budget as presented. The motion carried.

Announcements

- Gail announced that in conjunction with Native Plant Week, Patti Thompson has proposed outreach booths at HEB stores on Hwy 242 and Hwy 1488 at Kuykendall.
- The next board meeting will be held via Zoom on Thursday, September 7, 2023, at 7p.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07p.

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