

Pines and Prairies Chapter Native Plant Society of Texas

Pines and Prairies Chapter Board Meeting – November 2, 2023

Approved January 11, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Gail McConnell.

A quorum was established. Board members present were Gail McConnell, Alicia Mein Johnson, Carolyn Worsham, Mike McGee, David Lemons, Anne Blount, and Abbie Ince-Hendrickson. Carol Childres, Shelley Martin, RoseAnne Howland, Anita Teller, Jay McGowan, Helen Capozzelli, and Carson Stokes also attended.

Minutes were approved for the September 7, 2023, meeting (Alicia moved, Mike seconded, board approved).

Report of the President Gail McConnell –

- An email vote approved the appointment of Anne Blount as Treasurer following April Smith's resignation. Abbie moved and Carolyn seconded to verify the election of Anne as treasurer for the remainder of the term. The motion carried.
- The area at W. G. Jones that was previously selected as a prairie garden near Middle Lake is no longer available for same. Gail will ask Connor Murnane to allow seedlings in the area to flower next spring.
- Carolyn reported that Swamp Milkweed seeds will be mailed to all Pines and Prairies meeting on November 17 as a thank you for NPSOT membership.

Report of the Treasurer Anne Blount –

- No report was available.

Report of the Plant Sale Co-Chairs Carol Childres and Helen Capozzelli –

- The fall plant sale at The Woodlands Landscaping Solutions event was a success in terms of sales and education of attendees. Almost 100 species were offered for sale. Over 1,800 attended the event. The net profit was \$3,217.18. Carol stated that there were several issues that will be discussed with event personnel prior to the next anticipated sale.

Report of the Native Landscaping Certification Program Chair Jay McGowan –

- Currently there are 35 enrollees for the November 4 Level 3 class. 57% are Pines and Prairies members. Others NPSOT members are from Houston and Piney Woods.

Report of Meeting Chair Mike McGee –

- Recent meetings, both in-person and virtual, have not attracted many attendees. Alicia will develop a questionnaire to attempt to determine why members join Pines and Prairies and what activities would attract participation. Membership at the end of October was 220.

Report of Nominating Committee Chair Carson Stokes –

- Nominees for the position of President and Director-at-Large are being sought.
- Helen Capozzelli will stand election as Secretary.

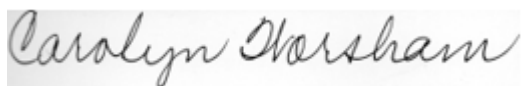
Unfinished Business

- Carolyn moved and Mike seconded approval of the Job Descriptions as presented. The motion carried.
- Carolyn moved and Abbie seconded approval of the 2024 Chapter Calendar and Rolling 3-year Plan as presented. The motion carried.
- Alicia moved and Mike seconded approval of the 2024 Budget as presented. The motion carried.
- Anne and Gail explained why they are requesting that the Chapter bank account be moved to Chase Bank under the Native Plant Society of Texas family of accounts. Abbie moved and Alicia seconded moving the account. The motion carried unanimously.
- Alicia moved and David seconded that Gail distribute a schedule of work days for volunteers at gardens (Spring Creek, Lake Creek, Sam Houston Elementary, and Jessie H. Jones). The motion carried.

Announcements

- The next board meeting will be held via Zoom on Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 7p.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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

Attachments:

- Job Descriptions
- 2024 Chapter Calendar
- Rolling 3-year Plan for 2024-2026
- 2024 Budget