

Pines and Prairies Chapter Native Plant Society of Texas

Pines and Prairies Chapter Board Meeting – January 11, 2024

Approved -

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

A quorum was established. Board members present were Gail McConnell, Alicia Mein Johnson, Carolyn Worsham, Mike McGee, Anne Blount, and Abbie Ince-Hendrickson. Jay McGowan, Bob Dailey, Helen Capozzelli, Hugh and Diane Wedgeworth, Amy Birdwell, and Carson Stokes also attended.

Minutes were approved for the November 1, 2023, meeting (Mike moved, Alicia seconded, board approved).

Report of Carson Stokes, Nominating Committee – The following slate of officers will be presented at the chapter meeting on January 18, 2024, to join **Alicia Mein-Johnson**, Vice President; **Anne Blount**, Treasurer; and Directors **Abbie Ince-Hendrickson** and **David Lemons** who are serving current terms:

- **Bob Dailey**, President
- **Helen Capozzelli**, Secretary
- **Jay McGowan**, Director-at-Large (Membership)

Report of the President Gail McConnell –

- The Chapter Activity Report must be submitted by the end of January. NPSOT needs information about volunteer time spent in demo gardens, member initiatives, social media, outreach, and presentations to groups.

Report of the Treasurer Anne Blount – The chapter is now using Chase Bank. Anne is working with the accountant in the state NPSOT office which makes it quite easy to develop a budget using a template. Zelle is no longer being used for reimbursements; payments will be by check. The fourth quarter report for 2023 was generated and is available. \$15,548.17 is in the checking account. It was suggested that the budget reconciliation and monthly report be attached to the board meeting agenda email.

Report on the Calendar by Alicia Mein Johnson and Mike McGee –

- Emphasis will be on focusing on a few activities rather than offering many activities.
- The proposal was made to switch the meeting date to third Thursday (see report following).
- Instructions for conducting hybrid meetings will be shared by Mike.
- Grants and scholarships for demonstration gardens and ideas for volunteer recruitment were discussed.
- Mike moved and Abbie seconded that we have a spring plant sale on April 12-13; the motion passed.

Unfinished Business

- Zoom account – Up from \$100/year, the subscription cost is now almost \$200/year. Abbie moved and Anne seconded to continue the subscription; the motion carried.
- Because Pines and Prairies has multiple usernames/passwords for Square, Zoom, Dropbox, etc., it was recommended that LastPass be used for password management. Mike moved and Carolyn seconded that we use the free LastPass subscription rather than the paid \$3/month version; the motion passed.

- The Dropbox Family Plan subscription for \$20/month was necessary when two NLCP classes were upcoming. Whether or not to continue the monthly subscription was tabled pending further research.


Report on Chapter Meeting Date/Location Change by Mike McGee

- **Date:** Proposal was to move the monthly chapter meeting date from the third Wednesday to the third Thursday and offer a Zoom alternative for each meeting.
- **Location:** AgriLife (not available for advance planning), W. G. Jones (not available until May-July), Spring Creek Nature Center (too far south), and SHSU Woodlands (availability TBD but likely) are possible venues.
Recommendation: SHSU-Woodlands with W. G. Jones as back-up
- **Time:** Because of the heavy traffic near SHSU, Alicia moved and Anne seconded that we hold our January meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 18, at AgriLife; our February meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 15, at SHSU-Woodlands (with backup at AgriLife); and our March meeting at 7 p.m. on March 21, at SHSU-Woodlands. The motion carried.

Announcements

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

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