



BOARD MEETING

VIA ZOOM

January 31, 2024

Members present via Zoom: Linda Griffith (president), Rick Moore (vice-resident), Dawn Woodcock (treasurer), Becky Roe (secretary), Tom Olsen, and Sharon Douglas.

Meeting called to order by Linda at 9:05am.

Old business:

Linda reported that all of the gardens that the chapter has established are doing well and are being maintained by others. Those maintaining the gardens have been advised to wait until at least February to do any trimming.

New business:

Linda reported that the chapter has 8 new members and one person has renewed their membership. PJ Hill will be serving as a Membership Coordinator, and will send welcome emails to new members.

Linda reported that she has met with Salado's new city manager, Manny de la Rosa. He is interested in Botanical Tourism. This would encourage visitors to visit Salado to view the native gardens. The museum and cabins would be part of this plan, as well as Salado ISD, per Ted Smith. Kathy Keyes has said that the Salado Church of Christ would also like to create a native plant/butterfly garden on their property to be part of this as well. Local shops are also interested.

Linda reported that Salado ISD will be breaking ground for a new high school in August. Before that groundbreaking, there will be a native plant rescue on the 50-acre site where the new school is to be built. Rescued plants will be used in the other gardens. Ted Smith would like NPSOT to be involved in the landscaping plan for the new school.

Linda reported that Kathy Keyes, Salado Middle School librarian, would like for Linda to meet with the schools science teachers regarding "Force of Nature" project to plant a Monarch garden. This project could become a contest between other middle schools and other NPSOT chapters. It has been approved by the state, and will be judged by state.

Becky Roe will look into "seed grants" that are available to schools via Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center.

Linda reported that the 2023 Spring Native Plant Sale was held in conjunction with Salado's "Porch and Planet Festival". That event drew more people than the 2023 Salado Christmas Stroll.

The 2024 Spring Plant Sale will also be held in conjunction with the Porch and Planet Festival on Saturday, April 20. There will be an effort to include more educational opportunities, such as Master Naturalists and Clearwater Underground Water Conservations District. The board has agreed to pay for the rental of two portable toilets for the plant sale. \$500 deposit has been paid to Wrights Nursery and Barbara Wright has begun setting aside plants for the sale. (Again, this year, Barbara Wright will allow return of unsold plants. This was not an option available with McIntyre's last fall.)

Linda reported that printed aluminum plant signs are being produced for Victorian Oaks, the museum and the cabins, they should be ready in about a week.

Yard signs are available from the state for \$25-30. Tonkawa Member yard signs are available for \$15. There are a total of 20 signs available. T-shirts are \$20.

The chapter currently has 109 members. Currently, KD Hill of Barrow Brewing Company, which hosts our chapter meetings and is very helpful with the location for the plant sales, is not a member of the chapter. Linda, suggested that the chapter pay for her membership. The board agreed to pay for KD's membership in the Tonkawa NPSOT chapter, since she offers so much to the chapter.

Twin Lakes Audubon Society has indicated that they would like to work with NPSOT related to birds and plants that birds need.

There is also a sustainability group based in Belton who is interested in native plants.

Becky Roe suggested polling chapter members about projects that members would like to see done and participate in. She also suggested that finding additional projects outside of Salado might encourage more participation from members who live in other parts of the area.

Dawn Woodcock presented a suggested budget for 2024. The budget is based on historic expenditures for projects and activities of the chapter. See attachment.

Rick made the motion to approve the budget as presented, Tom seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:06am.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Roe, Secretary

Native Plant Society of Texas-Tonkawa Chapter				
2024 Budget				
	2024 Budget	2023 Actual	Difference	Notes
Beginning Balance	4,669.01	13,298.25	(8,629.24)	
Revenue				
4000 Contributions, Gifts, & Grants				
4010 Membership Dues		60.00	(60.00)	
4030 Donations Received	2,500.00	2,148.00	352.00	A
Total 4000 Contributions, Gifts, & Grants	2,500.00	2,208.00	292.00	
4100 Program Service Revenue				
4110 Sales Income				
4111 Non-taxable Plant Sales	16,000.00	16,729.23	(729.23)	B
4116 Change for Plant Sale		-	-	
Total 4110 Sales Income	16,000.00	16,729.23	(729.23)	
Total 4100 Program Service Revenue	16,000.00	16,729.23	(729.23)	
4900 Investment Income				
4920 Interest and Dividends Earned	10.00	15.28	(5.28)	
Total 4900 Investment Income	10.00	15.28	(5.28)	
Total Revenue	18,510.00	18,952.51	(442.51)	
Gross Profit	18,510.00	18,952.51	(442.51)	
Expenditures				
6110 Fees for Services (nonemployees)				
6116 Other	3,000.00	5,500.00	(2,500.00)	
Total 6110 Fees for Services (nonemployees)	3,000.00	5,500.00	(2,500.00)	
6120 Advertising & Promotion				
6124 Awards & Recognition	50.00	57.48	(7.48)	
6125 Other Advertising and Promotion	800.00	804.04	(4.04)	
Total 6120 Advertising & Promotion	850.00	861.52	(11.52)	
6130 Office Expenses				
6132 Office Supplies	215.00	214.56	0.44	
6134 Postage & Shipping	80.00	77.22	2.78	
Total 6130 Office Expenses	295.00	291.78	3.22	
6190 Conferences, Conventions, & Meetings				
6191 Board Meetings	250.00	501.85	(251.85)	
6193 Instructor/Speaker Fees	500.00	300.00	200.00	
6194 Program Supplies & Materials	1,000.00	1,540.60	(540.60)	
6195 Refreshments	600.00	1,099.53	(499.53)	

6196 Room Rental/Entry Fees	300.00	292.70	7.30	
Total 6190 Conferences, Conventions, & Meetings	2,650.00	3,734.68	(1,084.68)	

Native Plant Society of Texas-Tonkawa Chapter				
2024 Budget Proposal				
	2024 Budget	2023 Actual	Difference	Notes
6240 Other Expenses				
6241 Plants & Supplies	12,000.00	15,910.08	(3,910.08)	B
6243 Printing & Publications				
6243.2 Brochures	-	1,416.11	(1,416.11)	
Total 6243 Printing & Publications	-	1,416.11	(1,416.11)	
Total 6240 Other Expenses	12,000.00	17,326.19	(5,326.19)	
6250 Other Administrative				
6253 Bank Service Charges	-	12.00	(12.00)	
6254 Credit Card Fees (plant sales)	350.00	301.14	48.86	
Total 6250 Other Administrative	350.00	313.14	36.86	
Total Expenditures	19,145.00	28,027.31	(8,882.31)	
Net Operating Revenue	(635.00)	(9,074.80)	8,439.80	
Other Revenue				
7200 State Transfers to/from Chapters				
7210 Membership Rebate	460.00	445.56	14.44	
Total 7200 State Transfers to/from Chapters	460.00	445.56	14.44	
Total Other Revenue	460.00	445.56	14.44	
Net Other Revenue	460.00	445.56	14.44	
Net Revenue	(175.00)	(8,629.24)	8,454.24	
Ending Balance	4,494.01	4,669.01	(175.00)	
A. In 2024 will classify donations for T-shirts, signs, etc. at cost as negative expenses instead of donations.				
B. Will not sell high cost trees from McGuires in 2024				