Williamson County Chapter Native Plant Society Meeting Minutes of 11-08-2012

Welcome: Kathy Galloway opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. There were 42 present. Reports were given.

TREASURER’S REPORT: to date Plant Sale made $1,294.00.

PLANT SALES: Janet Church reported on October sale at the Wildflower Center. The Square couldn’t be used on Saturday because of no reception. All plants were sold or sent back with 8 four-inch plants left for door prizes. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Janet Church for her 5 years as plant coordinator.

Randy Pensabene was introduced as the new plant coordinator. She soon will be providing information on upcoming volunteer activities with plant sales.

Kathy Galloway thanked the volunteers involved with the October plant sale.

GARDEN GRANTS: Arlene Boyer provided an update. The McCoy and Montessori programs are planting now.

FIELD TRIPS: Vicky Husband provided information on the field trip to Bastrop State Park on Nov. 10. A guide will take our group to an off limits area of 3,000 acres with heritage trees. Sign-ups are still available. There is no December field trip. The last River Ranch plant survey, which closes a 3 year project, will be Dec. 9.

Vicky needs volunteers to plan field trips for the entire calendar year of 2013.

PLANT CLINICS: Before monthly chapter meetings, members will staff plant clinics at 6:30 for Questions & Answers, including plant identifications.

QUILT: Marilyn Perz won the raffle at the State Symposium; this raffle raised $900 for scholarships.

PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS:
At the board meeting, after deliberation, it was determined that there were not enough resources to do a spring education event. The Board continues to work toward future education events. If members are interested, they are to contact the Board. Kathy Galloway called for questions and answers on this topic; there were no responses.

The Potluck & Silent Auction Social will be held at the monthly meeting on Dec. 13, 2012.

PROGRAM: Stephen Brueggerhoff introduced Rob Grotty, an urban forester with the Texas Forest Service. Mr. Grotty presented a program titled, “The Heat Is on: Impact of Drought on the Urban Forest.”