Williamson County Chapter Native Plant Society Meeting Minutes of 1-10-2013

WELCOME: Kathy Galloway opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. There were 40 members and 6 guests present. Reports were given.

TREASURER’S REPORT: To date the Fall Plant Sale made $1301.48 profit. December’s Silent Auction: $637.93. Taxes were due and turned in. Checking: $4903.81. Savings: $8954.15.

GARDEN GRANTS: Arlene Boyer provided an update. The McCoy and Montessori programs are going well. Jan. 15, 2013 is the deadline for this year’s education grants.

PLANT SALES: Randy Pensabene reported that plants are already being grown for the Spring Plant Sale. An updated document for plant sales including job descriptions will be posted soon. There is an immediate need to replace Vicki Husband for the Advertisement/Marketing position.

POLLINATOR GARDEN @ COUNTY LANDFILL: Marilyn Perz said the garden is in the ‘winter’ phase. There is now a path.

FIELD TRIPS: Vicky Husband will post on the Blog the Jan. thru May calendar. Jan. 21 – MLK Day – is the 1st quarterly plant survey at Berry Springs Park. Plant Survey means creating a list of what is seen. The River Ranch master list will be used as a starting point.

TAXONOMY: Kathy Galloway said the next class with Flo Oxley is Sat. Jan. 26, 10-12, at Wells Branch Library. This is a review of floral characteristics. No advance sign-up for this joint class with the Austin NPSOT Chapter. $10 Charge.

PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS: Kathy Galloway thanked everyone for a fun and successful December potluck dinner and silent auction. NPSOT membership dues went up as of 1/1/13. There is a list of emails and addresses only – optional participation – for use only at meetings for the purpose of carpooling. TX Parks & Wildlife magazine has an article on the botanist Linnhiemer. Next board meeting is Feb. 3, 2:30 p.m. at the Galloways’ home.

PROGRAMS: Stephen Brueggerhoff shared the following upcoming speakers: Feb. 14, Armand Hufault: The Perfect Texas Native Garden Plants: Growing and Garden Design with Salvias; and Mar. 14, Brazos River Authority – Water Conservation. There is a Jan. 15, 10 – 1 pm training at Wilco AgriLife: Monitoring of Whooping Cranes @ Granger Lake.

The speaker for tonight’s meeting on Texas Bumble Bees Identification was unable to come and will be rescheduled.

Stephen provided the presentation: “Texas as the New Frontier: Jean Louis Berlandier, A Living Legacy.” Berlandier was an early Texas botanist.