Williamson County Chapter Native Plant Society Meeting Minutes 08-08-13

Welcome: Kathy Galloway called the meeting to order with 27 members and 2 guests present.

Treasurer’s Report: Balances: Checking, $5,019.24; Savings, $8,956.33.

Texas Native Plant Week: Cindy Stone is chair for the State NPSOT and asked for ideas to celebrate in Oct. The committee has openings.

Plant Sale: Randy Pensabene is in need of volunteers for the Oct. 4-6 Wildflower Center plant sale. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

Website: Bob Kamper is also the State website administrator. Contents and photos for the website are requested.

Field Trips: Aug. 24 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. is the aquatic plants survey at Berry Springs. See website.

President’s Announcements: Kathy Galloway made the announcements. Books have been ordered for Wilco libraries. Taxonomy is cancelled for August; Flo Oxley’s graduation is on the TX State University website. Kathy thanked the board, the communications committee, and the chapter for the past year.

Ballots are on the website and in the latest NPSOT newsletter for the Benny J. Simpson Fellows Award; anyone who has been a member for at least 10 years (see Website) is eligible to be recognized for good things done at the chapter level. Ballots are due Sept. 1.

Presentation: Kathy Galloway presented a certificate of appreciation to Agnes Plutino, retiring Historian.

Other: Kathy McCormick had Aquatic Identification Decks for sale. Agnes Plutino announced a Monarch Watch workshop, Sat. Aug. 10.

Programs: September speaker will be Emma Gomez, a researcher on the flight of bats that pollinate agaves.

Program: Agnes Plutino, charter member, presented a slide show, “Native Plants of Wilco from the Ground Up,” providing entertaining commentary.

Dates to Remember: Aug 9: Flo Oxley graduation; Aug 15: NPSOT meeting; Aug 18: Board Meeting at Henderson’s; Sept. 12: NPSOT meeting; Sept. 28: Taxonomy, 10-12, Georgetown Library