Welcome: Kathy Henderson called the meeting to order with 34 members and 4 guests present.

Treasurer’s Report: Kathy Galloway reported the balances: checking, $4271.21; savings, $8957.10. The expected administrative expense for computer, projector and accessories is $2229.17.

Master Naturalists: An invitation was given for a field trip to the Bamberger Ranch, Oct. 5, and to the Whooping Crane training, Oct. 17.

Field Trips: Vicky Husband provided information on upcoming events: Sept. 18, 5th plant survey on the Nature Trail at Berry Springs Park; Oct. 12, Open House at Balcones Canyonlands Wildlife Refuge with NPSOT member Kathy McCormick leading one of the walks; Oct. 29, Balcones Canyonlands field trip with a guide. See website for details. Kathy McCormick has Aquatic Vegetation decks for sale & free maps for Wilco Parks & Brushy Creek Trails.

Plant Sale: Randy Pensabene invited everyone to the Oct. 4-6 Wildflower Center plant sale, which is a major fundraiser for the chapter. Marilyn Perz asked volunteers to confirm sign-ups and cell phone numbers; there are several unfilled slots at this time.

Volunteer Coordinator: Marilyn Perz reported that displays for Texas Native Plant Week, Oct. 20 – 26, will be set up in 6 county libraries. Members will deliver the new book donations to county libraries. Volunteers are needed for Dino Days, Oct. 19, to make seed balls with children.

Water Conservation: Marilyn Perz and Agnes Plutino attended the Georgetown Water Conservation forum. The big issue is landscape irrigation. The City of Georgetown has a resolution that city gardens will have native plants. This is a good opportunity for education re: natives. There is a request to send photographs showing good water conservation properties to ConservationGeorgetown.org.

President’s Announcements: Kathy Henderson made announcements. A butterfly garden is being installed at Murphy Park in Taylor with active participation by Betty Jackson, Pat Shirk, and Bonnie Sladek. Information for the state Symposium, Oct. 17-20, is on the website. Items have been purchased for the silent auction which funds scholarships; individuals can donate also.

Announcements: Plant Clinics with Q & A and Seed Exchange are held at 6:30 before monthly chapter meetings. Brushy Creek Bat Fest is Sept. 14. A Prairie Grass area is featured at Ash & 11th Street in Georgetown. Plant Exchange, before Oct. 10 meeting at 6 p.m. Marilyn Perz. Put up those volunteer plants to exchange. No sales.

Programs: Steve Brueggerhoff reported that the Oct speaker will be Ginger Hudson on maintenance of natives.

Program: Emma Gomez-Ruiz, Ph.D. candidate, Dept of Wildlife & Fisheries Sciences, Texas A&M University, presented “Flight of the Mexican Long-nosed Bat: Modeling the potential geographic distribution of a key pollination corridor in Mexico and the U.S.”

Dates to Remember: Sept 14, Brushy Creek Bat Fest; Sept 18, Berry Springs Park plant survey; Sept 28: Taxonomy Class, 10-12, Georgetown Library; Oct 3-6, Wildflower Center Plant Sale & Set-up; Oct 5, Bamberger Ranch; Oct 10, Plant Exchange & monthly meeting; Oct 12, Open House at Balcones Canyonlands Wildlife Refuge; Oct 17, Whooping Crane training; Oct 17-20, state symposium, Corpus Christi; Oct 29, Balcones Canyonlands field trip; Oct 19, Dino Days; Oct 20-26, Texas Native Plant Week.