Welcome: Kathy Henderson welcomed members and guests to the chapter’s annual pot luck dinner and silent auction. Randy Pensabene introduced special guests Barbara Wright and her husband Bobby. A business meeting followed the meal.

Plant Sales: Randy Pensabene introduced Barbara Wright who has been working with the Wilco chapter to grow unique and difficult to propagate plants for the plant sales at the Wildflower Center. Barbara also tries cuttings and seeds that are taken to her. This long time educator of the public about native plants was presented the Manual of Vascular Plants of Texas.

HOA Workshop: Kathy McCormick announced a HOA Workshop on Jan. 25 on water conservation and plant selections. A new TX law says that HOAs cannot prohibit the planting of drought tolerant plants.

January Meeting Program: Dennis Perz, Wilco chapter member and VP, Chapter Liaison, on the state NPSOT board, will pilot a state level program including brainstorming to guide NPSOT in future growth with grass roots input for data collection. Also, there will be a panel discussion with various approaches on how to build a native garden. All are encouraged to attend and participate in this meeting.

Field Trip: Kathy McCormick received a field trip invitation for the Wilco chapter from a Highland Lakes NPSOT member who lives near Balcones Canyonlands. Details are to be determined.

Taxonomy Classes: Sue Wiseman announced that these classes will be the 4th Saturday of the month starting in Jan at the Wells Branch Library. The classes will start over with basic taxonomy; each month one family of plants will be studied in depth.

State Board Meeting: The Jan. 18 meeting will be held in Wilco at the Jester County Building in Round Rock. Contact Kathy Galloway if interested in attending the all day session; lunch reservations are needed.

Plant Rescue: Ilse Meier announced an upcoming plant rescue of grasses in the Copperas Cove area. Date TBA.

Silent Auction: Cindy Stone provided cash, check, and ‘Square’ credit card services for the auction thus ending the night’s social event.