Williamson County Chapter Native Plant Society Meeting Minutes 02-13-14

Welcome: Kathy Henderson called the meeting to order with 36 members and 14 guests.

Treasurer’s Report: Cindy Stone reported $1,436.07 in checking and $8,957.63 in savings for a current total of $10,393.70.

Field Trips: Report by Vicky Husband. Feb. 22 – Plant Survey 7 of 12 Monthly at Berry Springs Park; March 22 – Highland Lakes NPSOT member invitation to Cedar Stump Ranch to see rare native plants. 10 people attended the Wildflower Center “Tree Talk Winter Walk” Jan. 25.

Georgetown Library Demo Garden: Two beds on the parking lot side of the library are now in. Eric Lashley, Library Director, sent the chapter a thank you note. Agnes Plutino thanked all the volunteers from the Jan. 15 planting. She also provided a layout and plant lists. Stephen Brueggerhoff is working on a brochure. A dedication ceremony will be in the spring. The article, “Watch Us Grow” is on the website. The Lollipop Tree sculpted by former NPSOT member Dar Richards is one of 2 sculptures installed.

Pollinator Garden: Marilyn Perz reported on upcoming installations of a rain water catchment system, a bee hive for mason bees, and a bluebird house.

Garden Grants: There are 5 continuation sites and 3 new sites. See website for information on grants.

Spring Plant Sale and Other Opportunities: Marilyn Perz provided a sign up for the Wildflower Center Plant Sale. Work days are April 10 through April 13. This is a major fundraiser for the chapter. She will be providing more opportunities for volunteering throughout the spring.

Spring Symposium at Wildflower Center: NPSOT is a sponsor of this April 26 event featuring Dr. Doug Tallamy. See the WFC website.

Seed ID Activity: Kathy Henderson provided members with an interesting activity that members enjoyed before the meeting.

Program: The March 13 meeting guest will be Dr. Karen Clary from the Wildflower Center. The topic is seed saving for conservation.

Program: Shae Luther with Conservation Services, City of Georgetown, presented, “Redesigning the New Beautiful: Landscape Conservation.”