The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Cindy Stone, President. 33 people attended in total, including 3 guests. Cindy and others presented announcement slides, which are summarized below.

Reports

**Treasurer: Presented by Cindy Stone for Lori Merlino.** Ending balances for May 14 are Checking at $12,492.96 and Savings at $5,058.55, for a total of $17,551.51 which includes a $200 check from Waste Management to create a garden for Sterlin Barton.

**Field Trips: Presented by Vicky Husband.** For additional information and directions, see the Field Trips tab on the chapter website, [http://npsot.org/wp/wilco/field-trips/](http://npsot.org/wp/wilco/field-trips/)

- Now May 30, rescheduled due to weather - NPAT & NPSOT, Spring Grasses and Flowering Perennials. River Ranch County Park, Leander. 9am to 12pm, arrive at 9am. RSVP not required.
- June 17 - Westside Park. Shell Road and & Shell Road Spur, off CR 195 north of Georgetown. 8am to 11am. Meeting place to be announced. Driving directions coming soon. Check the website for details.

**Thank You’s: Presented by Cindy Stone.** Shout outs highlighting recent events.

- To Vicky Husband and Marilyn Perz for representing the chapter at Wolf Ranch Farmer’s Market, April 18.
- To Marilyn Perz for setting up and maintaining a table promoting NPSOT Earth Day at the Georgetown Public Library April 19-25, and to Agnes Plutino for the beautiful wildflower bouquet.
- To Marilyn Perz, Ilse Meier & Kaylyn Meier for representing the chapter at the Annual Selah Family Day and Picnic on May 5.
- To Randy Pensabene for organizing the chapter booth at the Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center Spring Plant Sale April 10 to 12 and to Marilyn Perz for organizing the volunteers.
  - The chapter results are Gross: $9,107.65; Expenses: $4,853.85; Profit: $4,253.80. A 21% increase over Spring 2014.
  - Volunteers were: Pat & Greg Donica, Kathy Comer, Beth Blankenship, Kathy & Dick Galloway, Lori Merlino, Candy Prater, Mike Farley, Ramona Urbanek, Ray & Sallie Wahrenbrock, Christie Gardner, Jim Abreu, Sue Wiseman, Tristan Lyons, Kelly Jakus, Rana Sanders, Andrew Butler, Maggie Bond MN, Diane Capron MN, Susan Leslie, Dennis & Marilyn Perz. And a thank you to Wright’s Nursery and Joss Growers.
- To members of the Speaker’s Bureau for representing the chapter in presentations promoting native plants.
  - Kathy Henderson: “Starting to Go Native in Your Yard”
  - Lori Merlino: “Wildlife Habitats with Native Plants”
  - Bob Kamper “Drought Resistant Natives”
Cindy Stone “Habitat Hutto” & “Native Plants Living Among Us”

- To Christie Gardner, Lori Merlino and Cindy Stone for representing the chapter at Habitat Hutto Community Class on April 25.
- To Ray Wahrenbrock, Gary Bowers and Cindy Stone for representing the chapter at Pioneer Days, Old Settlers Park, Round Rock, on March 28.
- To Billye Adams, Lori Merlino and Cindy Stone for representing the chapter at Our Lady of the Rosary Cemetery and Prayer Gardens’ Annual Field of Flowers Day, April 12.
- To Kathy Comer and Cindy Stone for the Hutto Home & Garden Show. A special thank you to Wright’s Nursery. A very special thank you to the high school students and Hutto citizens, Judy and Klempe Hays, for helping Cindy work the Habitat Hutto booth and the NPSOT booth.

**Chapter Name Badges:** Badges which were ordered were available at the back of the room. Cindy thanked contributors to the project: Walt & Kathy Henderson, Ray & Sallie Wahrenbrock, Lori Merlino, Cindy Stone, Stephen Brueggerhoff, Bob Kamper, Randy Pensabene.

**Website Committee:** Presented by Bob Kamper. New webmaster needed. Evidence shows that the website is searchable by all visitors. The most recent searches have been native plants, County Parks, Department of Interior Fee Free Week, Lake Waco Wetlands and native plant graphics.

**Chapter Vision & Mission, Board Openings & Elections:** Presented by Dennis Perz. Dennis presented a summary of the chapters goals and accomplishments, and reviewed positions that are opening up for the July chapter election. Three chapter members are on the nominating committee: Kathy Henderson, Dennis Perz and Kathy Comer. Board officer positions available are President, Vice President, Treasurer, two At Large Directors (one year positions). Board committee chair or co-chair positions available are webmaster, programs, volunteer coordinator. The chapter is seeking broader member participation. If you are interested in one of the positions contact Kathy Henderson for more information.

**Native Landscaping Certification Program Classes:** From the floor by Stephen Brueggerhoff. There are openings in the May 23rd Level 1 class, and the June 6th Level 2 class. Held at the Georgetown Public Library. 8am-4pm. Bring your own lunch. Level 1 registration fee: $37. Level 2 registration fee: $37 for NPSOT members, $52 for non-members. You must have taken Level 1 before taking Level 2. Register online at http://npsot.org/wp/nlcp/class-schedule. Each class includes a classroom session and a 2 hour outdoor native plant identification walk.

**Other Upcoming Events**


**Tonight’s Program**

_Falling for Native Plants_, by Betsy Ross, CEO of Sustainable Growth Texas and Betsy Ross Grass-fed Beef.

Minutes submitted by Pat Donica