

## **Balcones Canyonlands TXMN**

### **Board of Directors**

**January 25, 2021**

**Call to order at 7:05 pm via WEBEX**

**Attendance:** Larry Root, Gene Janulis, Julian Yates, Sheila Endres, Shayla Fleshman, Sheila Putnam, Kelly Kaye, Brenda Foss, Tania Homayoun, Wizzie Brown, Ruthann Palapinto, Stephanie Putnam

Minutes were approved.

**Julian Yates** (speakers): The speaker for the January chapter meeting is to be determined. Here is the link to [2021 schedule of speakers](#) to date.

**Gene Janulis** (finance): Gene reported that the checking account has about \$7975 at the time of the meeting, plus about \$1,100 in dues which brings the account balance to \$8629. The audit committee met in January and reviewed the accounts and found everything in order. [Year end Report](#). [Financial Report](#).

Gene asked a question on whether the chapter should charge dues for members of the 2019/2020 class, even if they had not finished their volunteer hours (they have until April 2021 to do so.) The board agreed that these members should be charged dues like all other members. Gene is going to draft a clarification to bylaws and will bring it to the next board meeting.

The board also discussed ideas for the additional funds the chapter currently had. One idea is to increase speaker imbursements from \$25 to \$50. Before moving forward with this, Gene was going to check with other chapters to see what they currently pay speakers.

Another idea is to increase scholarship opportunities. Gene was going to determine the actual cost to the chapter for each scholarship.

Gene brought up the need to develop a budget to assist with planning purposes.

**Sheila Endres** (2020/2021 Class): Due to audio issues, Sheila was not able to give an update for the 2020/2021 class.

**Brenda Foss (Membership):** Given that it would take \$4 per pin in postage, the board questioned whether pins should be mailed or hand delivered at the next in-person event.

**Stephanie Putnam** (Diversity and Inclusion): The next diversity meeting is scheduled for Jan. 26.

**Colette Pearce (outreach):** Colette floated the idea for a facebook group called "Ask a Master

Naturalist.” It was mentioned that there is an “Ask the Expert” section in [www.extension.org](http://www.extension.org).

Meeting adjourned at 7:30