

Minutes
TNPS Board Meeting
February 22, 2020

Linebaugh Public Library
Murfreesboro, TN

Present

Susan Sweetser, President
Bettina Ault, Secretary
Karen Hill, Treasurer
Larry Pounds (East)
Louise Gregory (Middle)
Michelle Haynes (Middle)
Suzy Askew (West)
Bart Jones (West; Membership Chair)
Kim Sadler (Education Outreach)

Absent

Johanna Brichetto
David Hilgeman
Dennis Horn
Shelley King
Allen Trently
Jennifer Trently

Guests

Harland Alpaugh
Alice Jensen

Treasurer's Report

Karen Hill

Our total balance is \$36,704.16. This includes \$8039.38 in checking, \$503.64 in PayPal, \$10,473.29 in money market savings, and \$17,687.85 in money market book savings.

Books on hand:

66 Wildflowers of Tennessee the Ohio Valley and the Southern Appalachians books

12 Woody Plants of Tennessee: The Complete Winter Guide to Their Identification books

17 Guide to the Vascular Plants of Tennessee books

Annual Meeting

Plan for this year is Red Boiling Springs, with base at the Donoho Hotel. There was discussion about the date. We discussed potential hikes: Taylor Hollow (may already be taken), Winding Stairs, and Greeter Falls. We discussed potential speakers. Cooper Breeden from Tennessee Plant Conservation Alliance was suggested.

Education Outreach Report

Kim Sadler

Margie Hunter will be participating in the Nashville Lawn and Garden Show

Shelley King and Susan Sweetser participated in the Dogwood Arts House and Garden Show

The Wild Ones Conference will be Saturday March 14 in Chattanooga

Flatrock Glades brochure needs to be updated; Kim needs help. Darrel Hess has contributed images. A gentleman from Murfreesboro is working on something similar. Karen suggested a writeup in the newsletter.

Mary Priestly sent William's Wildflowers books to give away
Doug Tallamy's new book is out (Nature's Best Hope)
We received information and a review of the Wake Up Woods
children's book (Michael Homoya, Shane Gibson, Gillian Harris).
The board agreed to share this on social media.

Karen communicated a request from the Owl's Hill Nature
Sanctuary for \$500.00 for native plants. We approved this. We
solicited an article with pictures.

Tennessee Plant Conservation Alliance

Dennis Horn and Margie Hunter have been attending meetings

TN Plant Atlas Update

We reviewed the information sent to us by Joey Shaw. Hopefully
the website will be previewed at the Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage
in April.

Board Member Nomination

President: Susan Sweetser will continue as acting president
Suzy Askew would like more time before deciding to become an
officer

Suggestions for members from East Tennessee: Sue Bible,
Mitchell Kent. Sue Bible was suggested for Education Outreach.

Cullowhee scholarship

Cullowhee Native Plant Conference at Western Carolina
University in July 2020

\$507.00 for full scholarship with room and board

\$357.00 for partial scholarship

The board approved one full scholarship; we would prefer
someone from Tennessee.

Newsletter

The most recent newsletter is in the works. David Hilgeman continues to be our editor.

Website/Facebook

Karen will make updates this week
Jennifer Trently manages our Instagram posts

Tennessee Conservation Voters

Michelle Haynes

Their annual fundraiser was last night. There is a TCV meeting on Thursday February 27 at 5 PM.

Awards

We discussed candidates for the Tennessee Conservation Award and Tennessee Botanist Hall of Fame Award

New Business

Alice Jensen wants to make some of her land in Bedford County into a nature preserve. Plants will need to be logged to see if there is anything rare. The board suggested contacting MTSU and Sewanee. Bart suggested Land Trust of Tennessee.

Next meeting

Saturday, May 16, 2020 at 11 AM. Place to be determined.