

Minutes

TNPS Annual Meeting (Zoom Meeting)

November 16, 2021

Present

Karen Ripple Hill, President

Allan Trently, Vice President

Bettina Ault, Secretary

Kim Sadler, Treasurer

Larry Pounds (East)

Louise Gregory (East)

Dennis Horn (Middle)

Bart Jones (West; Membership Chair)

Joanna Brichetto (Communications)

Minutes

Bettina Ault

Minutes from the annual meeting on 11/12/2020 were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Kim Sadler

Income YTD: \$8548.83, including \$4840.00 in dues.

Expenses YTD: \$6894.47. We have changed printers for our Newsletter, and this has reduced expenses significantly, to \$1336.40.

Net income YTD: \$1653.96 (to maintain our 501(c) (3) status this needs to be <\$50,000 annually)

President's Report

Karen Ripple Hill

Karen summarized our activities and accomplishments for the past year:

- 1) We have a new treasurer, Kim Sadler.
- 2) A modified annual meeting was held on the weekend of April 9-11, 2021 at the Donoho Hotel in Red Boiling Springs, TN. We did not have an in person meeting or lectures, but we did have two field trips. On April 10 we went to Taylor Hollow, where we saw a fabulous wildflower display. The following day we visited Winding Stair in LaFollette, where we again saw gorgeous wildflowers.
- 3) The TNPS had 11 field trips between March and October 2021. In addition, we participated in the annual Elsie Quarterman Cedar Glade Festival from April 30-May2, 2021.
- 4) In January 2021 we initiated a monthly online seminar series, which has been quite successful, with up to 145 viewers at a time. Our 11th seminar, Margie Hunter on Invasive Plants, took place after the annual meeting. These seminars are recorded; a link can be

found on the TNPS website. The speaker lineup for 2022 will be posted in the December TNPS newsletter.

- 5) We changed printers for our newsletter, with a significant cost savings; our new printing company is Ami Marketing in Franklin/Cool Springs. There is currently an opening for newsletter editor.
- 6) We have begun digitizing our collection of wildflower slides; there are around 800 from the Wildflowers of Tennessee the Ohio Valley and the Southern Appalachians book and >1000 from Dennis Horne's slide collection. This collection will be on Dropbox; it will be password protected and available to members of the board. We are looking for volunteers for a photo librarian.
- 7) We have been approached by a middle school teacher about online teaching resources on native plants. Karen proposed that we create an online course on Tennessee native plants aimed at middle school students. Karen, Suzy, and Kim have formed a committee to outline a curriculum; Karen plans to ask the teacher to be on the committee as well.

Board Member Elections

Bart Jones and Suzy Askew (West TN) were reelected to the board by acclamation. Sue Bible (Middle TN) was elected by acclamation; she will be filling Michelle Haynes' seat on January 1, 2022.

Volunteers Needed

- 1) Education Outreach – Middle TN
- 2) Newsletter editor
- 3) Photo librarian

Respectfully submitted,
Bettina Ault
TNPS secretary