



South Central PA Chapter

Wild Ones of South Central PA Monthly Meeting via Zoom January 30, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Attendance 21

Members: Jane Allis, Heather Andrews, Cindy Hogeman, Jill Zdunczyk, Maryann Skubecz, Lorrie Preston, Rob Winslow, Angela den Hoed, Jane Earle, Shawna Raymond, Susan Wilder, Karen Rudy, Wendy Smith, Arlene Taylor, Deb Latsha, Jane Shull, Kerri Thauby, Margaret Naguski, Joyce Wilder, Katherine Gehris

Non-Members: Ruth Seitz

Welcome and Introductions: Those attending introduced themselves and noted the county where they reside

Minutes of November-December Meeting Approved

Reports

Membership – Kerri Thauby Two new members signed up in January bringing total to 71. Welcome to Paula Francese and Cynthia Iberg! Our list serve has 36 members on it.

Treasurer – Margaret Naguski One expense for brochures of \$25. Current balance \$1,222.00. Jane noted she checked with another printer in Carlisle and the quote was nearly double where we are currently getting brochures printed, so she feels we are getting a good price. Margaret completed the Financial Report to national Wild Ones. There was some difficulty in how to account for our donations to Horn Farm and Hungry Hook. Since Hungry Hook is for profit it could not be accounted as a benevolent donation. In the future, we should make personal donations, rather than collect and distribute from our chapter. It was also noted that if we pay for such services or for a speaker, we have to file a W-9.

Activities/Events:

1. December and January webinars follow up discussion. No additional discussion. Members very much enjoyed both.
2. Controlled Plant and Noxious Weed Committee report: The committee voted to ban various honeysuckles and starry stonewort. They did not choose any plants for the next meeting as they plan to revise their definitions. They may not include any ornamental plants in future definition of what they will consider. There was discussion about what kinds of next steps we can take if they will no longer consider ornamentals for noxious weeds. We also discussed working from a different angle to educated consumers and nurseries and put pressure on garden centers not to sell invasive plants from a consumer perspective. Jane noted that she could write up something to give to managers at garden centers after completing the township pamphlet.



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3. Kerri Thauby: WITF native plants information for Rachel McDevitt who does reports on climate related issues. It was suggested that the Doug Tallamy webinar is the best intro if she can view it. Also keystone plant info. Keeping the message simple and attainable for those who are not yet into native plants and may not have a big garden was suggested. Combining Tallamy's message with Wild Ones "Healing the earth, one yard at a time" as hopeful message for everyone to be able to buy into. Maybe some before and after photos. Information to change attitudes about insects was also suggested. Another WITF avenue might be the Spark at Noon feature. Heather Andrews brought up the DCNR lawn conversion program which is backlogged but can provide help for homeowners wanting to switch to more natives and less lawn, including financial help and on-going follow-up Link below.
<https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Conservation/Water/LawnConversion/Pages/default.aspx>
Wendy Smith noted the Alliance for Chesapeake Bay also provides help and follow-up.
4. Campisi Property Services LLC Tony Campisi "Sustainable Landscaping" topic. Jane noted that Tony Campisi had reached out to our email address and was interested in doing a talk. Others had heard him and thought he was very enthusiastic. It was felt he would be good to maybe do a talk to other landscapers or the public, as he would be preaching to the choir to do a talk for us.
5. Feb. 8 table at Cornwall Manor Tree Event; anyone interested in volunteering to help "man" the table contact Katherine Gehris at 4dhyana@gmail.com
6. Another suggested potential speaker: Michael J. McGraw, MES, QAWB, ACE Gardening with Nature in Mind (brought up by Keri Oram). He is very engaging and focuses on trees and wildlife. It was thought he might be too technical for our seed swap and members agreed Heather Andrews would be the best speaker for our seed swap. We talked about how to advertise and get more people in attendance: The Burg, Audubon, Master Gardeners and other garden groups, like Penn Cumberland and was noted that we are developing a good partnership with Appalachian Audubon.
7. Discussion on Seed Swap also went to better information that can be provided with seeds offered. Jane noted that there is a great native nursery in western PA, Arcadia Natives, that offers on their website beautiful and very informational tags about individual native plants. These can be printed out to use. arcadianatives.com click on resources and downloads, then quick cards.
8. Reminder: February 13 webinar: Heather Holmes, "Creating and Managing Habitat for Bees"
9. Pamphlet for townships and HOA's – Audubon partnership suggested by Zach Richard. Pamphlet is almost completed. Karen Stiffler has given it a professional look. Heather Andrews is going to use it at an upcoming conference. See attached.
10. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR work days at Diakon and Sale Date. The sale is a fundraiser for our chapter: we get a % of the profits.** Diakon wants 25-30 volunteer hours from our group. Sign up is on their website and Jane sent it out in a forwarded email – look in your Junk folder if you haven't gotten it. We picked some dates as dates our chapter



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members might want to volunteer with other members. These are: 3/30, 3/31, 4/8, 5/5 and day of the sale 5/6. Lorrie noted early March dates are helpful also. March dates can take 10 volunteers; the other dates 5. Time periods are 10-12 and 1-3. It was noted we should advertise as we mentioned above with various groups. Jane will work on a flier. Link for volunteer sign ups: [2023 Wilderness Greenhouse Volunteer Link](#)

11. Donation to National Wild Ones – it was felt we should put this on hold for future year(s) as our chapter is new and not flush with \$
12. Wild Ones now has a garden design for Philadelphia available, which should be able to be used in our area. <http://nativegardendesigns.wildones.org/>
13. Year end reports completed. YES!
14. Fundraiser idea of logo garden gloves. This was tabled due to time expiring on meeting to discuss at next meeting on whether to pursue

Note: Manada Conservancy Plant sale is now open to order your native plants.
www.manada.org