**Wild Ones of South-Central PA Monthly Meeting via Zoom November/December, Dec. 5, 2022, Minutes (Submitted by Lorrie Preston, Secretary)**

**Link to recording of the Zoom Meeting:**

<https://wildones-org.zoom.us/rec/play/GVXBJpQDi8QZIRbRdT-1enjzD2UD2e0koWTuPKUoU1YNHWFaNfzyUjH7WR8V0D4AfTcekE_lAPRNj04s.1UCXHdTBTYLuT_3D?continueMode=true&_x_zm_rtaid=cmryBvHNQG-sZ95ErB6MFw.1670350031884.d2766ed5fa71ea64620c85555a62bbe3&_x_zm_rhtaid=330>

**Attendance – (22)**

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

**Members:** Angela den Hoed (Cumberland), Arlene Taylor (Dauphin), Cindy Hogeman (Dauphin), Debra Latsha (York), Diane Eshelman (Dauphin), Heather Andrews (Cumberland), Jane Allis (Perry), Jane Webster (Dauphin), Karen Rudy (Cumberland) , Kerri Thauby (Cumberland), Kristen Acri (Cumberland), Lorrie Preston (York), Maryann Skubecz (Cumberland), Melanie Wertz (Perry), Rob Winslow (York), Shawna Raymond (York), Susan Wilder (Cumberland), Susan Wagner (Dauphin), Tami Harnish (Cumberland), Wendy Smith (Cumberland)

**Non-Members:** Ruth Seitz

**Unknown:** ThinkCentreE93z *(Please contact Lorrie, secretary, at* [*lpreston5156@gmail.com*](mailto:lpreston5156@gmail.com) *to identify yourself so I can include you in our attendance.)*

**Minutes of October Meeting –** Approved unanimously

**Reports**

**Membership** – Kerri Thauby – We added 1 new member in Nov., Jady Conroy was a Wild Ones Member-at-Large and became a member of our South-central PA chapter. Welcome, Jady! This brings us to 68 active members (66 memberships)

**Treasurer** – Margaret Naguski – Jane Allis reported for Margaret this month. We had one expense - $46 for 100 of the new chapter brochures, which brings our balance to $979.28.

**Activities/Events:**

1. **Seed Swap Report** – Thank you to Jane Shull for doing the milk-jug seed starting presentation and to Lorrie Preston for refreshments. It was a fun and successful event with about 20 or more attendees. We decided to repeat it again in Nov. of 2023 and would like to add a speaker re: seed starting, etc. Please give presenter suggestions to Jane. The Willow Room at the Giant is spacious enough that we could promote the event to the community and discussion about using it as a fundraiser and charging a small admission fee of $5 ensued, but no decisions were made at this time. Suggestion was made to have a sign-in/contact info sheet for our activities to get an accurate count of attendees and so we can follow up with membership info, etc. Members who would like to be on a committee to help with the planning of this event, please contact Jane.
2. **New Brochure** – Thank you to Jane Allis for drafting and Keri Oram for designing our new chapter brochures. They are beautiful, informative, and attention-grabbing. We started with a printing of 100 and may change photos occasionally, so will print quantities, as needed. It was realized that our chapter’s name is hidden in the lower segment of the front panel when the brochure is placed in a brochure holder, so it would be good to change the position of that on the brochure.
3. **Pamphlet for townships and HOA’s** – The draft pamphlet looks very helpful and easy to understand. A copy of it is being sent as at attachment along with the Nov. minutes so members can take another look and we will discuss it again at our next monthly meeting. Instead of a bulk printing, it will be available for members to print out individually when they wish to provide it to their township, HOA, Park and Rec. Dept. etc. Heather Anderson agreed to have her contact info included in the pamphlet as a possible presenter about this topic to the various pertinent groups who may want to learn more. Bee U.S.A. has info available and has already presented to Camp Hill Borough. The Xerces Society has an extensive resource that is available online regarding this topic that could be useful, as well.
4. **Dec. 19th, 7 p.m. – activity for our chapter**. Mark your calendar. Recorded Zoom presentation of Dr. Douglas Tallamy’s talk as part of the recent Ohio State Univ. Pollinator Webinar Series. Jane will send a Zoom link and we will watch it together and discuss afterward. Even if you have seen Dr. Tallamy before, he always shares something new to inspire us! [Recordings | Pollinator Habitat 101 (osu.edu)](https://u.osu.edu/pollinators101/recordings/)
5. **December Elections for 2023**
   1. Slate of officers was presented to the attendees: For terms of 1 year: Jane Allis, Pres; Heather Andrews, Vice President; Margaret Naguski, Treasurer; Lorrie Preston, Secretary
   2. Motion was carried and all were voted into position unanimously. National Wild Ones is currently reviewing term periods for various positions, but for now, we will do it one year at a time.
   3. Kerri Thauby agreed to continue as our Membership Chair.
   4. Angela den Hoed plans to step down as our Social Media Chair and members were asked to consider taking on this position. Familiarity with Facebook and Instagram very helpful. Jane and others send posts, which need to be posted to our sites with links and info, list events, make graphics, etc. Heather Anderson offered to serve as the Administrator and have the Social Media people that help her take on this duty.
   5. Thank you to all of the officers and committee chairs and members who have served us throughout our first very successful year. It is very much appreciated.
6. **Our Chapter’s Listserv** – Kerri Thauby created an online communication tool for our chapter which helps to keep our members connected between meetings if we have info to share, questions, or anything to post for the greater good of our members. You do have to register with Kerri to be added as a participant to the listserv. You may contact her at [kerritb@gmail.com](mailto:kerritb@gmail.com). Once you are registered, it is very easy to post info to all members who are part of the listserv by simply sending an email to: [wild-ones-south-central-pa@googlegroups.com](mailto:wild-ones-south-central-pa@googlegroups.com)
7. **Tentative Calendar for 2023**

We discussed many wonderful ideas and possibilities for our 2023 activities. New this year, we will begin to include member garden visits as part of our itinerary. We received some feedback after the meeting and realized that we were probably being overly ambitious with the number of activities our members can actually add to their schedules. There are so many wonderful things to see, learn and enjoy out there, but most of us are also involved in other organizations and we stay busy in our gardens and in life! Jane Allis and others have been working this week behind the scenes to revise our calendar for the coming year. We have chosen one chapter activity for most months and there will be additional opportunities in the community that come up as the months unfold, which we will try to keep you notified of. Please see the tentative calendar for 2023, which is coming to you as a separate attachment, along with the minutes. We are still trying to lock details into place and will provide an updated monthly calendar and information to you as details are available.

The following **list of activities didn’t make it into this year’s schedule** but will be considered in 2024 and beyond. Good months to visit are added, for consideration. We welcome other suggestions.

Shenks Ferry Wildflower Preserve -April

Bowman’s Hill Wildflower Preserve – Spring ephemerals

Hike on the Appalachian Trail from the Scott Farm - Spring ephemerals

Appalachian Trail Museum Native Plant Garden – July or August

Kings Gap State Park Native Plant Gardens

Jenkins Arboretum

**Future member garden visits.** *(Please let us know if you are interested in hosting in the future.)*

Lorrie Preston and Shawna Raymond – 2024 – late June, July, or early August

Heather Anderson – July or August

1. **Year-end reports –** Jane Allis, President, and Margaret Naguski, Treasurer, will be preparing annual reports for National Wild Ones.
2. **Ideas for fundraising** 
   1. Seed selling came up as a suggestion. This is controlled by the PA Dept. of Ag and is not something that our chapter can likely do. Master Gardeners had been told “no.”
   2. Possible plant sale in partnership with Diakon Wilderness Greenhouse, perhaps with an educational component included to create more interest in the community? Diakon provides licensing, location, healthy plants, etc. We would need to volunteer in partnership with Diakon with pre-season plant/facility preparation and as helpers throughout the day of the sale.
   3. Educational event – either at the seed swap or possibly as part of the plant sale?
   4. Possible WO-SCPA merchandise. We can create our own design. Any creative artists in our midst? Bonfire company often used by non-profits. Possible items – gardening hats, kerchiefs, chapter-personalized garden gloves, t-shirts, stainless steel water bottles, etc.

See: <https://www.bonfire.com> for more info and ideas

Other ideas from the PA Parks and Forests Foundation: <https://ppff.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/ppff/giftstore.jsp>