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## ***Wild Ones of South Central PA Monthly Meeting via Zoom***

***February 26, 2024 Minutes*** (Submitted by Tami Harnish, Secretary)

Link to recording: [Feb Meeting Recording](#)

### **BUSINESS MEETING 6:30pm**

#### **Attendance (23)**

**Members:** Jane Allis, President (P), Heather Andrews, Vice President (C), Margaret Naguski, Treasurer (C), Lorrie Preston, Membership (Y), Tami Harnish, Secretary (C), Wendy Smith, Director (C), Cindy Hogemen, Director (D), Deb Latsha (Y), Ann Dailey (C), Arlene Taylor (D), Bob Bargh (A), Cynthia Hooks (C), Diana Birmingham (C), Gay Bowman (C), Jane Earle (C), Joyce Wilder (C), Karen Rudy (C), Katherine Gehris (L), Kristen Acri (C), Patricia Coolson (C), Ruth Seitz (C), Susan Wilder (C)

Other Attendees: Thomas Bank (C)

### **Membership Meeting 07:15pm**

#### **Attendance (30)**

**Members:** Jane Allis, President (P), Heather Andrews, Vice President (C), Margaret Naguski, Treasurer (C), Lorrie Preston, Membership (Y), Tami Harnish, Secretary (C), Wendy Smith, Director (C), Cindy Hogemen, Director (D), Deb Latsha (Y), Ann Dailey (C), Arlene Taylor (D), Bob Bargh (A), Cynthia Hooks (C), Diana Birmingham (C), Gay Bowman (C), Jane Earle (C), Joyce Wilder (C), Karen Rudy (C), Katherine Gehris (L), Kristen Acri (C), Patricia Coolson (C), Ruth Seitz (C), Susan Wilder (C), Erik Smith (C), Janet Bargh (D), Josh Donaldson (F), Lisa Emig (C), Shawna Raymond (Y), Stephanie Cimino (A), Susan Boling (A)

Other Attendees: Thomas Bank (C)

**County Abbreviations:** A=Adams, C=Cumberland, D=Dauphin, F= Franklin, P=Perry, Y=York

### **Approved Minutes of January Meeting**

#### **Reports**

Treasurer – Margaret Naguski:

- Filed January report (required quarterly, performing monthly)
- Donated \$200 to National WildOnes
- Balance - \$3980.32
- Margaret will attend Treasurers training in March

Membership Report- Lorrie Preston:

- Granted complimentary membership to Keri Oram. Unable to grant complimentary membership to D. Lewis
- Total of 86 members
  - 4 new member, 4 renewals, 5 expired



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- Lorrie Preston reported on Wild Ones Resource Training and Chapter Check-in
  - Lots of information on Website under Chapter Information and Resources including QR generator, photos, branding, etc. **Next training March 26<sup>th</sup>.**

**Committee Reports:**

*Field Trips:* Jane Allis, Jane Earle (Refer to Calendar for 2024)

*Programs:* Heather Andrews, Melanie Wertz, Janet Bargh

- Sign up to volunteer at Diakon to prepare for plant sale in May
- Heather Andrews will be presenting at Home and Garden Show at Farm Show complex on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

*Community Outreach Report* (Townships, Landscapers, Garden Centers, Developers): Heather Andrews, Lisa Emig, Wendy Smith

- Deb Latsha: reported on booklet distribution and Fairview Twp. Planning Commission. Gave pamphlets to recreation board, also. Heather Andrews to do workshop for township managers association. Wendy Smith to contact Cumberland County to see if we can present to their Municipal Advisory Board members. Wendy will follow up.
- Jane Allis to give talks at: Cornwall Manor (March 15); Market Square Presbyterian
- Jane Allis: Volunteer opportunities - March 10 at The Bridge in conjunction with Appalachian Audubon. Most likely helping to set up garden beds.  
<https://www.thebridgeecovillage.com>
- Lorrie Preston: Possible Collaboration with West Shore Wildlife Rehab. Using native plants as food for wildlife. More information to come. <https://wildfoods4wildlife.com>
- Jane Allis: Events coming up with potential for WildOnes to have a table (if enough volunteers):
  - Protect Our Planet: Students Speak Out, Carlisle High School, **March 17**
  - New Cumberland Earth and Arts, **April 14**
  - Farmers on the Square, Carlisle, **April 17 and May 8**
  - Wildwood Wetlands Festival, **April 27**
  - Camp Hill Farmers Market (need more information)
  - Master Gardeners Plant Sale **May 18; June ?**
  - Butterflies, Birds, Bees, Bats, and Blooms at Ft. Halifax **June 15**
  - Storm Fest Camp Hill, **July 24**
- Schools Outreach: Jill Zdunczyk, Kerri Thaub, Karen Rudy – No report

*New Committees Needed:* Jane Discussed need for two new committees:

1. Photo and presentation library – to organize and store photos, media for chapter use: members: Jane Allis, Cindy Hogeman, Heather Andrews, Margaret Naguski, Kristen Acri
2. Grants Committee – assist persons/groups in getting grants. To plant natives or remove invasives. *Need volunteers.*



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## **MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:15 pm**

**Introductions:** What brought you to Wild Ones?

- Jane Allis provided brief summary of Business Session
- Shawna Raymond discussed North Creek plant order with SE PA Wild Ones. Only a couple of orders placed
- Jane Shull had taken seeds into the Carlisle Tool Library Seed Share. Good visibility for group.
- Robin Kimmerer Wild Ones Webinar: March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm <https://wildones.org/webinars/>
- Plant Sale volunteering – Diakon will need volunteers in March and April to prepare for May 4<sup>th</sup> plant sale
- Webinar discussions: An Insect’s Point of View
- The Group talked about article on Garden clean-up and leaving your stems up over winter. Joyce Wilder commented that the Beekeeping Society is changing their mission statement to include native bees.
- Book reviews/recommendations - none
- Article about fighting invasive plants with “thug” natives <https://www.humanegardener.com/how-to-fight-plants-with-plants>
- April Fieldtrip will be to Donald L. Wittlinger Nature Preserve
- Ian Gardner of Green Gardner Designs will be speaking at Hershey Gardens on April 11<sup>th</sup> – “For the Love of Groundcovers”, Sponsored by Manada Conservancy <https://www.hersheygardens.org/event/manada-conservancy-presents-for-the-love-of-groundcovers/>

Note: March meeting will be on a **Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**.

If you are interested in volunteering for any events or just need more information, please reach out to WildOnes South Central PA Chapter at [wildonesscpa@gmail.com](mailto:wildonesscpa@gmail.com).

Attached: Plant sale flier info, Stems and Garden Clean-Up Article, Updated 2024 Calendar