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Wild Ones of South Central PA Monthly Meeting via Zoom March 28 Rescheduled to April 1, 2024 Minutes

Link to recording: No recording available for this meeting

BUSINESS MEETING 6:30pm

Attendance (11)

Members: Jane Allis, President (P), Heather Andrews, Vice President (C), Lorrie Preston, Membership (Y), Tami Harnish, Secretary (C), Wendy Smith, Director (C), Deb Latsha (Y), Arlene Taylor (D), Diana Bermingham (C), Karen Rudy (C), Kerri Thaubly (C), Susan Wilder (C)

Membership Meeting 7:15pm

Attendance (27)

Members: Jane Allis, President (P), Heather Andrews, Vice President (C), Lorrie Preston, Membership (Y), Tami Harnish, Secretary (C), Wendy Smith, Director (C), Deb Latsha (Y), Arlene Taylor (D), Diana Bermingham (C), Karen Rudy (C), Kerri Thaubly (C), Susan Wilder (C), Cindy Hogeman, Director (D), Cynthia Hooks (C), Erik Smith (C), Jady Conroy (C), Jane Earle (C), Jane Shull (P), Jennifer King (C), Kristen Acri (C), MaryAnn Skubecz (C), Melanie Green (Y), Nancy Avolese (D), Rachel Benbow (D), Shawna Raymond (Y), Stephanie Cimino (A), Susan Zalesky (C), Terry Bills (Y)

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

Approved Minutes of February Meeting

Reports

-Treasurer – Treasurer’s report given by Jane Allis, Margaret Naguski not in attendance

- First quarter report information is uploaded to National Website
- Spent \$1091.69 for Brochure copies, ordering seeds, copies of other handouts for tabling events.
 - Jane heard from Heartwood Nursery wanting to be on list of nurseries. They sell Native Plants. Owner is President of National Holly Tree society. It was too late to include in the current printing but they will be added for future printings. Added to resources on website. Note that website has many resources including brochures, pamphlets.
- Received \$497.53 in dues.
- Current balance \$3387.13.



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-Membership Report- Lorrie Preston:

Lorrie reviewed Listserve policy. A Listserve is maintained by the Chapter. Previously members were added by request. The proposal to the board was to add all members and automatically add new members to Listserve. Board voted yes to the proposal. Members can opt out if they don't want to receive communications. Please see attachment for details.

There was a brief discussion regarding Officers setting up gmail accounts with WildOnes in the address. It was agreed that membership Chair and a general WildOnes email (current email monitored by the President) would be sufficient.

- We added 5 new members in March. Welcome to -
 - Terry Bills - Referred by Facebook
 - Ruth Consoli - Referred by The Bower
 - Nancy Avolese - Referred by Cindy Hogeman
 - Joan Snyder - Referred by Wild Ones, local chapter
 - Judy Van Kuren - Referred by Diakon Greenhouse
- Sherry Moyer changed from a Partner-at-Large to a South Central PA Chapter member.
- We had 16 renewals, making a total of **89** current members.
- We had 5 expired memberships.

Committee Reports:

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

Programs: Heather Andrews, Melanie Wertz, Janet Bargh

- Plant sale with Diakon **May 4th**. Volunteer sign up link:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054AA5AB2DA7FE3-47807868-2024>
Still need volunteers for Sale Day volunteers (morning or afternoon). Also, still volunteers needed for pre-sale days.
- Master Gardeners sale (Carlisle) – can have space for WildOnes. **18May24**
Will need volunteers to man table. Need certificate of insurance. Set-up 0700-0730 am.

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

- Jane Allis gave talk at Cornwall Manor that was very well received and also at Protect Our Planet: Students Speak Out, Carlisle High School and was very impressed with student engagement there
- Rachel Benbow asked if WOSCPA had committee targeting politicians to encourage planting of native plants. Referred to Wendy Smith and Community Outreach Committee



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Events/Volunteer Opportunities

- Wed, April 3, 6:00pm: See Doug Tallamy for FREE at Shippensburg University, Luhr Center. Help Jane with WOSCPA table starting at 3pm
- Thornwald Manor: <https://forms.gle/zAQJoZYmBqQprqMV7> Remove invasive plants! 13, 28 April.
- Lorrie: Possible Collaboration with West Shore Wildlife Rehab, located in Dover <https://wildfoods4wildlife.com> The Center is looking for Garden items to use as food/cover for wildlife: pieces of native shrubs or trees, especially with berries, nuts, seed pods, also, dandelions, white clover, low grasses, etc. Still working out the details. May ask people to bring to monthly field trips, volunteers to collect and take to Center.
- Jane: Tabling events coming up: Wed, April 3: Doug Tallamy, Shippensburg Univ. 6:00pm; New Cumberland Earth and Arts April 14; Farmers on the Square, Carlisle, April 17 and May 8; Wildwood Wetlands Festival, April 27 (Arlene Taylor and Diana Birmingham volunteered); Master Gardeners Plant Sale May 18; Butterflies, Birds, Bees, Bats, and Blooms at Ft. Halifax June 15; Storm Fest Camp Hill July 24
- Kristen Acri: Camp Hill Farmer's Market starts May 14th and goes through October. WildOnes can pick dates they would like to have a table. Best to have 3 people.

Schools Outreach: Kerri Thauby, Karen Rudy – no report

MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:15 pm

Introduction Query of the Month: *What is Your Favorite Native Plant?*

- Jane Allis provided brief Business Session Summary
- Jane Allis spoke about the Wild Ones National Annual Meeting Report. Refer to attached slide show with highlights from meeting
- Lorrie Preston reviewed Listserve decision (refer to attachment for details)
- Shawna Raymond: discussed North Creek plant order. Only 5 people participated. We will have to re-assess if we want to do it again next year. A lot of work – many rules, not a lot of plants available, pick up plants, etc.
- Plant Sale volunteering. May 4th at Diakon, Boiling Springs. See link above.
- Tour of Wittlinger Nature Preserve, Boiling Springs. April 14, 1pm. Call or email Cindy Hooks if you're going or have questions (See attachment)
- Ian Gardner talk on Groundcovers at Hershey Gardens, April 11
- Jane Allis discussed work done at The Bridge Eco-village – work on compost piles. No response on future projects
- Book reviews/recommendations: Wildscape webinar by Nancy Lawson (wrote Humane Gardener) – great discussion of insect and plant interactions

Attached: Minutes from March meeting, 2024 Calendar Updated with additional collaborative events, ListServe Details, Wittlinger Preserve Tour, Thornwald Park, WO Annual Meeting Slides