Kankakee Torrent Chapter

August, 2018

Roadhouse on Route 52

Minutes

**Call to order**

The meeting was called to order by Floyd Catchpole at 6:20 pm. Don & Espie Nelson, Mike and Carol Sather, Mike Rzepka and Mrs. Rzepka, Victoria Crosley, Marianne Hahn, Keith Nowakowski, Mark & Sally Wieclaw,

**Minutes**

The minutes of the July meeting were read, Mike (?) moved and Espie seconded and minutes were approved.

**Correspondence**

No correspondence

**Treasurer Report**

John Sullivan reported to Floyd that the chapter has a balance of $5,005.13.

**Committee reports**

* Fall Symposium Committee
  + Trevor was absent, so Floyd agreed to call him for an update. Trevor is working with Olivet Nazarene.

**Old Business**

* Annual Gathering

Invoice for t shirts received, $1,364.00. We have sold about half the order of 100 t shirts for $851.00 Need to sell remainder.

* Laura Rericha and Hummingbird Festival at Goodenow Grove.
  + At July meeting members funding Laura at the $250 level, not $500. We learned fee is only $300 and Floyd asked for motion for additional $50.00. Victoria so moved with Mike (?) seconding the motion. The motion passed.

Field trip report: Powderhorn Marsh and Pullman with Midewin Alliance. Floyd reported we saw lots of interesting birds, 3 juvenile red tails and a pair of ospreys among others. There was a lot of *Asclepias tuberosa* in bloom. We had great guided tour of the Pullman neighborhood by Arthur Pierson as well as a special tour of his home.

**New Business**

* Kankakee Soil and Water Conservation District Native Plant Sale. We have been approached to contribute and assist in planning the sales. No date set as yet. Emilie Janes of KSWCD would like to meet with us as a group or a committee. Good chance to promote native plants in Kankakee/Iroquois County.

Ideas proposed by board via email conversations:

1. Recommend pre-orders
2. Create garden packages, Sand Savanna, Clay savanna, others?
3. K3T Chapter members assist in programming prior to event to build sales and interest for fee payable to chapter.
4. Have Possibility Place or other local producer involved early enough to custom grow plants
5. Help sort orders prior to pick up
6. Programming during the event
7. Other ideas?

After discussion about this event a motion was made by Marianne to work with KSWCD to put together a sale. Victoria seconded and the motioned carried.

* INPS booth at Wild Things.
  + Need to know if Northeast Chapter is doing it and we could help them with material.
* Floyd was contacted by Braidwood Catholic cemetery regarding creating new section of cemetery to be in native vegetation. Opportunities?
  + Possible need for Grants Committee. Should we fund local native plant conservation efforts? After much discussion a motion was made by Marianne to not allow treasury balance to drop below $3000.00. Mark seconded. The motion did not pass as consensus was that it could lock us into other potential financial difficulties.
  + We decided not to do Chapter Grants at this time.
* Partnerships with groups.
  + This agenda item was discussed with but group did not see immediate advantage.

Chapter members thought we should schedule speakers for meetings again and that speakers committee should be formed.

The meeting was adjourned at ? pm.

Calendar

* September 23 Member Weekend Picnic at Mike and Carol’s at 12:00 and with a hike to Limestone Park before picnic at 11:00 am (later changed to 10:00 in conversation with Trevor).
* October 1, Monday
* November 5, Monday, Regular meeting held
* December no meeting