

Grand Prairie Chapter of the Illinois Native Plant Society

December 2, 2017, Heartland Bank Community Room

Meeting called to order at 9:10 AM

Joe Armstrong, Chapt President, presiding.

Nancy Armstrong volunteered to take notes for minutes.

Attendance: 8. Membership: 32.

No minutes to approve from any previous meetings.

Reports:

Diane Byers, Treasurer - \$133 + 2017 disbursement from state membership dues.

Money making ideas: bookmarks with pretty plant picture & info, inps on reverse side.

Bumper stickers: I brake for native plants + logo.

Discussion items:

Roll of chapter briefly discussed: For collaborations we can bring expertise & experience, taxonomy & accurate IDs, advisory.

Made brief list of possible collaborations as a better place to begin before mounting any projects as a chapter. City of Normal has several projects where collaboration could be productive; Hidden Creek Nature Sanctuary in north Normal, adjacent to Constitution Trail. Seemed like a good place to start.

Decision made to make a site visit at 1 pm Weds. December 20th for a brief winter outing. Street parking on Sycamore St. off N. Fell Ave.

Also considering working with Friends of Constitution Trail of landscape portions of the trailside with native plants. This might be done in collaboration with Wild Ones.

President charged with contacting city of Normal Parks & Rec. , and Friends of the Trail.

Brief discussion of hosting Ann. INPS gathering in 2019. People should contact Joe Armstrong with ideas for field trips.

Next chapter meeting should be in early March. Most people OK with a Saturday morning time.

Suggestion that we get a speaker.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30.