

# **Bexar Grotto Meeting**

**January 27, 2014**

Meeting called to order by Gregg Williams at 7:00 p.m.

**Visitor:** Angela (former Bexar Grotto member)

**Treasury Report:**       \$162 Dues Collected  
                              \$325.84 Petty Cash  
                              \$449.29 Checking  
                              \$2,631.33 Savings  
                              **\$3,406.96 Total**

## **Organizations**

### **TCMA**

Nothing to report

### **TSS**

Books were brought to meeting for sale if anyone would like to purchase one.

### **TSA**

Nothing to report

### **TCC**

Nothing to report

### **Bracken Bat Cave**

Fran was out but someone reported on his behalf. Someone asked if they remove the bat guano but they do not remove it from the cave. They tested for white nose and none was found. They still have not gotten to the bottom of the guano due to its depth. The purchase is still happening. Expect an update soon.

### **Old Business**

We are trying to move the bank account so that Pam, Greg and Tom will have access to it. At this time we need to decide if we want to become a non-profit organization or just stay like we are and have someone file the taxes for us. We do not have a tax id so it is becoming difficult to move the bank account. We can apply for a non-profit status or incorporate or just get a tax I.D. Someone mentioned it is difficult to get a non-profit status if you are political at all but we do not feel this will hinder our

chances. Everyone felt we should go ahead and begin the process for non-profit status so that we will be tax exempt.

### **New Business**

Gregg received email from Ellie asking for donation regarding See My Shovel tank haul for food, port-a-potties and other miscellaneous items. We made a motion to donate \$120 and Pam, treasurer, provided the cash to Gregg.

### **Trips**

- Ryan went on a trip to ***Wonder Cave***
- Two weeks ago Marvin climbed ***Big Dome in Government Canyon***
- Evelyn and Joe took a trip to Cheddar, England and visited a few caves in that area that are unique in the fact that they were decorated for Christmas with lots of cool features.
- Gary went to ***Paradise Canyon*** which has three nice caves.
- Kirk mentioned ***Colorado Bend***. He said they have over 600 caves with karst features. Everyone should go if they get a chance.

### **Upcoming Trips**

- **February 1, 2014 – *Government Canyon*** Karst Survey
- **February 1, 2014** – Birthday Party for Evelyn Mitchell & Jenny Arburn
- **February 15, 2014 – *Deep*** Survey Trip. There was one spot left but it may have been filled during meeting.
- **February 22 and 23, 2014** – We need people to help take students from Lamar University in Beaumont, TX into several caves including ***Logan's*** and ***Robber Barron***.
- **February 25 and March 8 – *See My Shovel Cave trip*** – This will go on for three weekends. They will need some labor and surface support. Please contact Ellie if interested. Linda Palit has some wet suits for anyone around her size.