

Bexar Grotto Meeting

October 27, 2014

Gregg Williams called meeting to order at 6:58

Treasury report

Petty Cash	\$370.04
Checking	\$3,014.68
Savings	<u>\$2,638.22</u>
Total	\$6,022.94

Organizational Reports

TSS - Marvin Miller announced that they have books for sale

TSA - Kurt Menking said there was nothing new to report. Elections will be coming up soon.

TCMA - Ballots have been mailed.

NSS – Geary Schindel – he attended a board of governors meeting in Indiana. They changed the membership classification structure.

He may also need donations to handle the transfer of the new cave. Next meeting in San Antonio. They are looking for a fundraiser.

Bracken- Kurt Menking said that there is not much going on at this time.

Announcements

- Evelyn Mitchell – regarding Robber Barron Open House – Need volunteers. She needs to get a head count. Everyone should bring equipment in case they are needed within cave.
- Kurt and Kitty Menking – how many will be joining his party after the open house. Kurt has asked that someone put his address on Facebook for anyone who is coming.
- Items still needed for the open house:
 - We need about 15 more sets of gear
 - They need six tables
 - Bring your own chairs
 - Sue is bringing water for the volunteers
 - We need an image processing person

Old Business

None

New Business

- Green Space Alliance – revitalizing a meet up. More to come in the future. They are an environmental group getting together. They may even do some equipment sharing.

- There was a motion to purchase five additional head lamps. Tom Florer gave motion. All I's.
- Christmas Party will be December 13th at Sue and Geary Schindel's house. We will be allocating about \$100 to sue for food, etc. Motion by Gregg Williams. All I's.
- Garry White announced that we will be picking the Christmas card photo at the next meeting.
- Marvin Miller announced that there will be a Government Canyon volunteer party on November 21st.

Trip report

- Tom Florer took Lamar University into three caves. There were 11 people. They started in Wurzbach Bat Cave. It was the worse air he has ever experienced. They then went to Logan's Bennett Lee and Wade McDaniel took groups into the cave. On Sunday they went to Robber Barron. Several Grotto members volunteered. There was water in the entrance to the Dinosaur room. Lamar University will be giving a donation to TCMA.
- Kurt Menking took some groups into Snookies Cave at TCR. Air quality was pretty good.
- Wade McDaniel and Bennett Lee took some Aggies into Logans.
- Twelve kids were at Garner State Park. Tom Brown and Marvin. It is the Hill Country Natural area. Owners wants Karsts Surveys project. It is southwest of Bandera. There is still a lot to do and look at.

Upcoming trips

- November 1 – Robber Barron Open House
- Jim Kennedy is going to Mexico in a few weeks to go to Bustamante. Bennett Lee is going as well. There are hotels available.
- December 8 & 9 – Bennett Lee leading the Colorado Bend Karst Survey
- January 3 – Bennett Lee leading a trip to Genesis Cave. Water cave.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 by Gregg Williams