

Bexar Grotto Meeting

January 26, 2015

Gregg Williams called meeting to order at 7:00

Visitors

Coltran – came with Bernadette

Sriram Madabhushi – he came to hydro geo workshop

Abe Springer – Presenter for the night

Treasury report

Total \$5,948.17

Toilets will be \$165 – Sue voted that we pay the extra and it was seconded

Announcement

None

Organization Reports

TSS – Marvin Miller gave report. There will be a board meeting on Saturday. Ron Ralph, president, joined us tonight.

TSA – none

TCMA - Bennett Lee gave report. Ezell's cave gate is scheduled to be completed. There are also clean ups scheduled on the TCMA website.

NSS – Geary Schindel gave report. The Board of Governors meeting is coming in March. They are interested in doing a wine tour on Friday afternoon. Kit and Kurt will be hosting the party for Friday night. Sue and Geary will be hosting a party on Saturday. They may also want to plan some cave trips for Sunday.

Membership in the NSS is declining due to aging members. We need to learn to recruit better.

Bracken – Fran Hutchins gave report. They worked on an isotope study last week. They are studying winter bats by collecting hair samples. They are trying to determine where they are coming from. There are about 80,000 – 90,000 that stay during the winter. They also extended a trail from $\frac{3}{4}$ mil to 1.25 miles. There will be a city council meeting on Thursday morning for those that can attend.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Tom Florer – He would like to take Lamar University students caving on February 20-22 but he will be unavailable. If anyone else is available let Tom know.

- Zach is organizing a Robber Barron dig on March 16 – 20 for school kids to do a service project. They will be hauling dirt from entrance to the top.
- Joe Mitchell has two groups coming to Robber Barron
 - Feb 7 – Texas A & M Corpus at noon
 - Feb 21 – Trinity University
- Allen Cobb – he will be holding two survey workshops. One for instrument usage and one for sketching.
- Joe Mitchell will hold a class to demonstrate how to enter the data and graph the maps. He would like to do it on February 18 and March 4 & 11 at 6:00. He would like to hold it at Geary Schindel's house.

Upcoming trips

- February 7 – 8 – Government Canyon Ridge Walking – Call Marvin Miller
- January 31 – Honey Creek Cave haul out
- February 6 – 8 – Spring Creek - Contact Bennett Lee
- End of February – Possible Fern Cave trip with Bennett Lee

Trip report

- Leia Hill gave cave report on her trip to Honey Creek. Overall she said it was difficult and challenging and she was disappointed she did not make it to the end. Chris Lafferty helped her along the way.
- Reese Thompson ran sample tests in Robber Barron for the air quality.
- Deep Trip 16-18 – there were four teams. Each described their discoveries. Geary Schindel, Kimberly Hartzog and Chris Lafferty dropped in Punkin on Sunday.

Meeting adjourned 7:48 by Gregg Williams