

## **Grotto meeting**

**March 23, 2015**

Meeting called to order at 7:02 by Gregg Williams

**Visitors**            Craig  
                              Savita  
                              Ruth – went to a class at REI on caving

### **Treasury Report**

Report given by Pam Campbell

**Total**                **\$5,197.46**

### **Organizational Reports**

#### **TCMA**

They had a meeting on Sunday. Pam Campbell discussed auction needs for the Spring Convention. She needs auction items. Looking for donated items. Give them to Pam or Bennett Lee. Please bring cash to bid on auction items. Selling t-shirts from various organizations for \$5. There will also be a breakfast Sunday morning during convention. This generates about a quarter of the annual budget for the TCMA.

#### **TSA**

No news

#### **NSS**

They are going through a major restructuring regarding dues. Go on line and review. You can save a few dollars by getting it on line instead. Let Geary Schindel know what you think. They are in process of buying New River Cave in Virginia along with 43 acres in South Dakota

#### **TSS**

No news

#### **Bracken**

There will be lots of volunteer opportunities coming. New property is showing lots of interesting karst features.

#### **Old Business**

- Tom Florer discussed non-profit status. Need to figure out what type we should be. We are going to file 5013c. He contacted other grottos to find out what they have done. Pam has an accountant who has volunteered to help set it up. We are also checking to see if we are set up as a corporation. Ted Lee will be able to help set us up as corporation.
- Allan Montemayor has a rock in shape of a bat. He doesn't think we could sell enough to make it profitable for us but was just trying to think of a fundraiser.

### **New biz**

- Organizational meeting on meeting to discuss hydro geo workshop this Wednesday.
- Gregg showed us a thank you card from the BOG.
- Rob Bissett announced upcoming presentations. Don Arburn will give an update on Deep and Punkin preserve. Jess buckles will give a program. Evelyn Mitchell will give one as well.

### **Trip reports**

- Marvin Miller went caving on Saturday. He was going to go to Twinkies Palace but it was raining. He then went to Becker cave. The hansel sand is exposed in the cave. It is brownish grayish color. Really unique. It is the only cave for hundreds of miles that has gypsum. The owner has trenched out the entrance to the cave. It used to be a borehole.
- Rob Bissett and Bennett Lee took about 60 students from Lee High School for work to robber Barron.
- Chris Lafferty and Jill Orr checked out a cave in Boerne. They named it Porcipie Flea Hole.
- Joe Mitchell, Steve and Jill Orr checked out a cave. They used the cavatron to survey for about six hours.
- Joe Schaertl took two friends to robber Barron. One guy had been to Logan's before.

### **Upcoming trips**

- April 4 - Government Canyon ridge walking
- This weekend deep work day
- April 4 - Aggies will be at Logan's
- April 18 - Logan's trip for grotto
- April 24-26 - Spring convention at CWAN. Presentations in cave.
- May 9 - Rolling Oaks. 9-4 Bennett will send updated email.
- April 18 - memorial for Scott Harden at Kurt Menking house at 6:30. Kurt asked for everyone to let him know if you are coming.
- Bamburgers first weekend in May.
- Mark Childers and Rob Bissett trying to set up a trip over Memorial Day. Caves require trained escorts. They are trying to get their permits.
- Geary helping out a workshop together in Bosnia. If you are interested in seeing engineering of karsts. First weekend in June.

Presentation by Ron Ralph  
Adjourned 8:10by Gregg Williams