

Bexar Grotto Meeting

Date: March 28, 2016

Gregg Williams in place of Jess Buckles called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
42 attendees

Visitors

- Lydia - moved to Texas three weeks ago.
- Selma - Leia's friend
- Bryan - Leia's friend

Treasury report provided by Pam Campbell

Total \$9,727.04

Organization Reports

TSS - Joe Mitchell - Meeting on Saturday in Austin and officers were elected
Jim Kennedy, Secretary
Joe Mitchell, President
Jerry Adkins, Editor
Marvin Miller, treasurer

William Russell had offered to transfer a parcel of land to the TSS near Inner Space Caverns.

TSA - Rob Bissett - Spring Convention coming in April. On-line registration for photo salon.

TCMA - Gregg Williams - not a lot happening. They are looking at a couple of pieces of properties. There will also be an auction during convention and we are looking for donations. We will be doing a live auction and a silent option. There will also be a bid to drop Devil's Sinkhole. Very rare opportunity.

NSS - Yearly convention in July 16 - 23 in Eli, Nevada

Bracken - Fran is out

Old Business

None

New Business

- Rob thinks we need to provide a larger screen for the presentations at the new facility. If anyone has one that they don't use. He will also get some prices for used ones
- Bennett recommends us get a few additional helmets and lights. Tom Florer said he has the Venture Crew helmets with no lights. He would like to

purchase 15 lights to go with the new helmets. It should be around \$500 to purchase these lights. We will get 10 lights for now. Up to \$400 for now, Rob Bisset made motion and Linda Palit seconded. All "Ayes".

- NSS donated books. We had discussed in the past about donating due to the books that were donated. Geary Schindel would like to donate \$1,000 for the books. Geary made a motion to donate \$1,000 and Rob Bissett seconded. If we donate, we might get additional books for the next Hydro Geo Workshop.
- Linda Palit discussed the benefits of a being a TCMA member to new members.

Upcoming trips

- April 2 & 3 - Government Canyon with Marvin Miller
- April 2 - Joe Mitchell and Evelyn will need help cleaning Robber Barron before the open house.
- April 4 - Bennett Lee will do a vertical night at his home
- April 9 - Robber Barron open house - Contact Evelyn Mitchell. Fund raiser for TCMA. Need volunteers.
- April 15, 16 & 17 -Deep & Punkin trip. Contact Aaron Wertheim. They will be repelling into Punkin and check out the Mortuary Room.
- April 22, 23, 24 - Spring Convention
- April 30 - May 1 - Bamberger Fundraiser - generates at least \$1,000 for the grotto.
- TSA has an ongoing project at Colorado Bend State Park. It is the second weekend of every month but there are no trips in the summer. Contact Chris Pina or Joe Shaertl.
- May 28th - Ellie Falgout has a work day at Rolling Oaks. Contact Ellie if you can help.
- May 29th - Avery Ranch will be open for TCMA members from 10 am to 2 pm.
- Per Joe Mitchell - Rachel Rumfelt, grad student wants to get into cave and sample roots coming into the cave. Someone mentioned Pal's cave. A trip was set up for May 14 -15. Marvin can take six more people. Camping will be available.

Trip reports

- Sarah was able to go to a cave in Missouri and she was able to go into the first cave that had White Nose Syndrome.
- Jordan gave the cave report for Spring Creek. We went to the shower stall. Some people that attended were Michelle Smith, Pam Campbell, Gregg Williams, Tim and Kim, Jordan, Aaron Wertheim, Vicki, Weezie Cooper, Leia Hill and a few others.
- Bennett Lee took some scouts into Robber Barron. He even sent them through the tight squeeze through the hole above the dinosaur head.

Meeting adjourned by Gregg Williams at 7:49 pm

Presentation by: Leia Hill