

## **Bexar Grotto Meeting**

Date: July 25, 2016

Jessica Buckles called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
attendees

### **Visitors**

David Young - moved from Boston - Found on Meetup  
Nathan Clark

### **Treasury report provided by Pam Campbell**

**Total           \$7,860.50**

### **Organization Reports**

**TSS** - No news

**TSA** - Rob Bissett is trying to recruit an assistant editor to help Jill manage the Texas Caver. Let Rob know if you are interested.

**TCMA** - Close on Wilcox pretty soon. There is a house and cave on property. Bennett Lee is now preserve manager at Rolling Oaks. Michael S. will be the preserve manager over Ezell's.

**NSS** - NSS Headquarters received two substantial gifts and they now need only \$300,000 more to go for their mortgage. There has been a major fundraising for a matching donor. Williams Shrewsbury will be stepping down as president. Convention was just completed. Many of the Grotto members attended. About 1,000 people showed up.

**Bracken** - Rick Corbell gave information since Fran Hutchins was not present. They had a fundraiser to help with the cave. Tours were given on the new property. Our last meeting was at Bracken and it was enjoyed by all.

**Deep Cave** - Work Day - Don Arburn needs help on July 30 for finishing the Shower Stall at Deep and Punkin. Contact him if you can help. Rob Bissett will be going so let him know if you need directions. This will be helping gather articles, keeping up with trips and following up with those that have gone on trips.

### **Old Business**

- Jessica Buckles asked Wade if he has ordered shirts. He needs money to reorder. Wade was out this week so we will ask him at next meeting how much money he needs to order.
- Bring any old sleeping bags for Bracken.

- Trailer – Official grotto trailer – it has been tossed around to buy one. Rob Bissett would be in charge of buying it. He would like to get options and then take it to committee to make the final decision.
- Tom Florer brought the last Bylaws that we have on file.

### **New Business**

- No new business

### **Announcements**

- Distinguished Lecture Series. If you want to go contact Geary Schindel. It will be held at Southwest Research. Lunch will be served. Register on line but Geary can send information to whoever is interested. \$25 per attendee.
- Rob Bissett is trying to direct a group that wants to start a Grotto. He has pointed them in the direction for NSS. He referred them to Mark Childress. This group would be in Laredo.
- Jess and Rob will be getting married and party will be at the Schindels. Starts at 6:00.

### **Upcoming trips**

- In September – NCRC Course – already full – will be held at Punkin/Deep.
- July 30 – Gregg Williams will be doing a trip for the Lower Level at Cascade Caverns
- Geary may set up a cave trip this weekend. He has over 100 cave leads that he needs to check out.
- Lisa LaChance wants us to go back out for more digging. They may open up their property for a picnic after digging.
- Rob Corbell – New cave owner that has dug into his cave and he is looking for help. Let Rick Corbell know if you are interested. It is near Bracken.

### **Trip Reports**

- Lindsey Adamoski and others went to Midnight Cave. Some of the attendees were Pam Campbell, Bennett Lee, Lindsey and Dave Adamoski, Gregg Williams and Jess Buckles among others. In the entrance, it was full of daddy longlegs. Past the opening room they went into another room with lots of formations. You had to go through a corkscrew to get to the live part of the cave. It was important to be careful and not break formations. Some parts were unreachable due to the formations. The last room was the best. The whole half of the room was white and sparkling with formations everywhere.
- Geary Schindel went caving in Nevada. Geary, Sue and others went.
- Sandilin Cave – Geary Schindel, Gregg Williams, Sue Schindel, Pam Campbell, Bennett Lee and others attended. Mr. Fig was the owner of the cave. They

were able to ride 4 wheelers to cave entrance. Not heavily decorated but very nice.

**Program Announcement**

Amy Clark from UTSA presenting "The Effects of a Historic Flood on Carpers Creek"

Meeting adjourned by Jessica Buckles at 7:36.