

BEXAR GROTTO MEETING

December 12 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:01 by Jessica buckles
Last meeting of 2016

45 attendees

Visitors

Fernando Hernandez

Treasury Report

\$14,724.15 Total Funds

\$3,300 earmarked for other projects

Fire department donation has been taken care of by Pam Campbell

Organizational Reports

- **TCMA** - Gregg Williams - budget meeting is weekend. Wilcox property has recently been purchased.
- **TSA**- vice chair, Amy Morton- she is looking for spots for spring convention. Winter meeting will be at government canyon which will be first weekend of January on Sunday at 10:00.
- **TSS**- no news
- **Bracken**- Fran Hutchins- normal winter chores and preparing for burns. He is working on cliff face for rappel site. They need to finish widening the roads. Work day is January 7th. Sign up with Fran.
- **NSS**- Geary Schindel- there will be a New Years' party at the headquarters.

Old Business

- We will discuss the PESH project and vote on it after the presentation.
- Aaron Wertheim discussed the budget meeting last Thursday. They will bring everything to the grotto first meeting in January.
- We got a thank you for last PESH donation from bill Steele.

New business

- Geary Schindel needs an invoice from TCMA for allowing us to allow them to enter Robber Barron.
- Amy Morton - read the email from Ellie regarding See My Shovel Cave tank haul. Please email Ellie to volunteer. We normally donate toilets for tank haul. They would like \$300 to be donated. Gregg Williams made a motion to give them up to \$350. MJ gibbons seconded. All i's. January 21st is the tank haul.

- Chester updated contracts. Minimum 25 people and \$200 in food sales. They want us out by 9pm. Many people have questions about the contract. Jessica Buckles will need to go back to the manager and ask questions.

Announcements

- Evelynn Mitchell will be at cave without a name and doing a resistivity survey. Some of the work will be at night. See Evelynn if you are interested. January 7th
- Casey and Mike from fire department came by to say thank you. NCRC class scholarship. If you have any questions feel free to ask Casey. They will not be limited to Bexar county. If we are somewhere in the region they can come help.
- Rob Bissett had grotto helmets and lights. He has 24 in his truck.
- Kevin Harris is 2016 Carl P award winner.
- Sue Schindel announced Christmas party at her house.

Upcoming trips

- January 7 - Marvin Miller government.
- January 21 - possible CWAN trip. Aaron Wertheim will schedule.

Trip reports

- Amy Morgan went to Nueva Leon Mexico. They rigged cave again last year. They did survey last year and continued this year. They stayed and camped in the cave.
- Deep and Punkin survey- Bennett Lee gave report. It was raining so lots of cancellations. They dropped Punkin. Three separate trips to Deep.
- Aaron Wertheim took a small group into Deep.
- Roy Wessel went caving in Florida. He discussed the various sites.

Huautla 2016

Eighth deepest in the world and deepest on the continent. PESH right now is focusing on going up. Bill Steele recruited Fernando Hernandez. He had a rock climbing background. He discussed the whole trip in detail and why it is important. They are teaching Mexican cavers to be able to do this so we can all work together.

Someone asked what the money would be used for. The donation would be for ropes, bolts and hangers. They will need more sleeping bags and camping gear for more people.

Jessica Buckles made motion to donate \$1,200. It was seconded but it was unclear who made the second motion. \$1,200 would be 10% of our income. Sue Schindel made a motion for \$600 which would be 5% however the first motion was still on the floor and needed to be voted on. There was discussion back and forth. We voted by show of hands. 21 hands raised. Majority vote. It was voted to give PESH amount of \$1,200.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 by Jessica buckles.