

The Herb Society of America - South Texas Unit Annual Meeting

June 15, 2022

Virtual meeting via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Julie Fordes - Unit Chair.

Attendance was recorded by Unit Secretary Dena Yanowski. A quorum was present.

Members present: Julie Fordes, Dena Yanowski, Donna Yanowski, Maria Treviño, Catherine O'Brien, Palma Sales, Tricia Bradbury, Joan Jordan, Deborah Lancaster, Donna Adair, Donna Wheeler, Lucinda Kontos, Mary Nurre, Rose Wherry, Janice Stuff, Janice Freeman, Sally Luna, Sara Diaz, Janice Dana, Jane Littell, Susan Wood.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes from the May 19, 2021 Annual Meeting were distributed by email 2 weeks prior to the meeting. Catherine O'Brien moved to accept minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and passed.

Officer and Committee Chair Oral Reports

Written reports for Officers and Committee Chairs available: [Herbsociety-stu.org/Member Information/Committee Reports 2022](https://Herbsociety-stu.org/Member%20Information/Committee%20Reports%202022)

Programing

Karen Cottingham: There were twelve HSA-STU meetings this year. Three were on Zoom, and the rest in person. Examples of some of these programs were listed. Along with the regular programming, there have been monthly "lagniappe" activities and the plan is to continue those indefinitely; a majority of these events have been free. Karen gave examples and descriptions of many of the events hosted. The plan next year, contingent on COVID, is to continue hosting in-person meetings. In addition, HSA-STU hopes to continue hosting supplemental programs each month. Traditionally July has not had any events, but this year there will be a Zoom program.

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National Meeting Delegate

Karen Cottingham: Karen Participated fully in the HSA National convention in Charleston, SC in April 2022. She gave a description of the District meeting hosted by Bill Varney and other elements of the national convention events.

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Day Group

Janice Dana: This group continued their tradition of crafting and provided many sellable items for Herb Fair 2021. They also participated in a toy drive in December, donating toys to *Toys for Tots*. Some examples of Day group programming included: citrus pest awareness, Valentine wreaths, and natural Easter egg dyeing. They are also planning to have a group lunch this Summer. Janice Dana shared that she will be stepping down

from the position of Day Group Program Chair. It was also shared that Pam Harris will be moving and no longer be able to participate fully.

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Membership

Carolyn Kosclskey was not in attendance, but her report will be submitted at a later time and you can find information attached there. (Report still not available)

Education/ Scholarship

Catherine O'Brien: We received 7 applications for the Madalene Hill Scholarship this year. We were able to give out three scholarships of \$1,000 to two students from A&M and one student from Amarillo College.

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The Speakers Bureau, active in previous years, was revived in 2022.

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Newsletter/ Mailchimp/ Publication

Janice Freeman: HSA-STU continued to provide a monthly newsletter to the 1200 members/ guests on the Mailchimp list. This year a few new sections were added to the newsletters. These included a monthly to-do list. This year we distributed 67 different messages through MailChimp, a majority of these were sent to both members and guests. We have continued to add new members/ guests each month.

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Herb Fair

Donna Wheeler: Herb Fair 2022 went well at the Southside Place Community Center and was made possible by many hard working members.

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Chair

Julie Fordes: This year HSA-STU published a directory after not having published a new one during COVID. Benee Curtis formatted and setup content for Directory printing. Julie successfully delegated jobs to members, such as the Speakers Bureau and many tasks were completed. Julie also hosted many work days at the Westbury Community Garden. She is currently looking for an Herb Fair chair for Fall 2022.

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Treasurer's Report

Maria Treviño: Presented budget.

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Floor was opened and discussions were made on particular budget line items.

Discussion on accepting Cultivator Giving Circle Membership at the Houston Botanic Garden for 2022-2023. **Susan Wood moved that her proposal of \$1500 donation to the Houston Botanic Garden for 2022-23 be accepted, it was seconded and approved with 16 votes. Motion carried.**

Karen Cottingham moved the purchasing a picnic table for the Westbury Garden Pavillion, not to exceed \$600 and it was seconded. Discussion continued.

Julie asked to amend the motion, changing the language to give the Westbury Garden the final say on what was purchased.

Discussion continued and Karen withdrew her motion, there was no vote.

Catherine O'Brien moved to accept the proposed 2022-2023 budget as written. It was seconded. Vote passed with 17.

Maria Treviño accepted the nominating committee's proposal to serve another term as treasurer. Catherine O'Brien moved that Maria Trevino serve as Treasurer from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024. It was seconded and passed.

The floor was open to any further discussion.

Discussion was made around future meetings being held simultaneously in person and virtually on Zoom. Members, such as Catherine O'Brien volunteered to help troubleshoot this plan for the future.

Dena Yanowski made an announcement reminder that membership hours and dues should be submitted in the near future.

There were no new motions from the floor or Zoom chat.
The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 8:54pm.

Dena Yanowski
Unit Secretary
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