

Texas State Grange
Executive Committee Meeting
Sunday, 9-29-13 -
Cibolo Grange Hall

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:10 pm.

Members in attendance:

Jerry Billquist, Chairman, Executive Committee
Connie Waxler, Executive Committee, Recording Secretary
Dave Weaver, Executive Committee
Stephen Meuth, Executive Committee (arrived late)
Jack Smithers, State Master

Others in attendance:

Ann Roeder, Secretary
Bonnie Billquist, Treasurer
Mary Bell Baker, Lecturer
Margaret Smithers, Newsletter
Lori Wuest, Youth Director
Tom Roeder, Poteet Grange member

2, Prayer was led by Jerry Billquist.

3. December and June minutes were read and approved as per motion and 2nd of Jack and Dave.

4. Old business:

a. Recap of 2013 state session:

Did 6th degree only (do both next year).

Hotel accommodations were good.

More discussion and information on resolutions before voting
needed.

Try to get more people at session.

We need more contest entries.

Resolution deadline needs to be upheld.

Pomona masters need to attend state session.

Only 2 days were rushed, need 3 days.

b. 2015 National session will be in Lincoln, Nebraska:

We are responsible for the 6th Degree and the hospitality room on Friday.

We discussed the possibility of chartering a bus/van.

c. The Shive Grange hall property:

Needs to be appraised by a licensed appraiser.

The neighbor has a signed contract that is not legally binding.

We will ask for National Grange help, as there is a shared water well situation.

5. Department Reports:

Lecturer – educator of the year will continue, an individual visitation award for Nov. 1 – June 30, holiday party Dec. 28 including soup contest There will be a chili cook-off at the Jan. 18 conference at David Crockett.

Family Activities – (Gail absent) leadership conference, contests will be discussed, judge gift bill submitted and paid, contests to be in newsletter.

Youth – 30 attended the party at Cibolo Sept. 28. Great Plains conference will be held at Holiday Inn Market Square June 27-29. Working on contract and program.

Legislative – (Kim absent) She is working on Obamacare information.

Membership – There will be incentives awarded at state from drawing of new members and those members who recruited them.

Community Service – books are in and being judged, awards at conference in Jan.

Master – There will be an awards ceremony Sept. 30 in Dallas and Lovelle Nord will be there to represent the TSG. Report given covering 2013 state session, struggling granges, re-established Cibolo Grange and upcoming legislation, Seven resolutions were sent to National: DWI, Jr. Grange/membership pin, Memorial Day sales, National dues, National sessions, privacy of U.S. Citizens, misuse of Post Office for solicitation

6. Other reports:

Secretary – Quarterly reports are due; journal is almost complete; need roster of subordinate and Pomona granges with master, secretary, lecturer, overseer, membership, youth and community service.

Treasurer – see attached report, bills paid as per motion of Connie Waxler and Dave Weaver.

Deputies – no report.

7. New Business:

Great Plains Conference will be June 27-29, 2014, ideas discussed were: Mexican buffet, committee to set agenda.

Degree Day – March 22 at Leon Valley, Granges responsible contacted and help needed.

State Grange goals – letters were sent out to all masters.

Granger of the Year – nominations will be accepted.

IRS – Jack is trying to clear up paperwork for the TSG (and all subordinates).

Recognition Plaque for Marty Billquist for visit and meal, bill was paid.

2014 State Session – site to be decided at Dec. meeting.

Information Director – Dave will serve and set up web pages for state and local Granges.

8. Next EC meeting will be Sunday, Dec. 1 at David Crockett @ 4:00

Connie Waxler
Secretary

(Thanks to Stephen Meuth for meeting notes.)