Minutes of The March 20, 2019 Board Meeting of the Mount Lassen Chapter - CNPS.  
By: Hesh Kaplan

1. President Paul Moore called the meeting to order at his home at 7:08 P.M. All Board Members were present, as well as Nancy Groshong, Ann Elliott, Hesh Kaplan, Marjorie McNairn and Roxanne Canfield.

2. Minutes of the February 29, 2019 meeting were approved.

3. Treasurer Nancy Praizler reported February Income and Expenses (Attachment 1) and answered a few questions. She then presented and explained a Proposed Budget (Attachment 2), which, after some discussion (and zeroing of “Sutter Buttes Hike Fee” was approved by a unanimous vote of the Board. Woody Elliott proposed that the balance of the moneys collected during the Support Camp Fire Recovery Fund Drive ($500) last fall be sent to the State CNPS “Fire Recovery Guide” Fund. His motion was unanimously approved.

4A. Paula Shapiro, Nancy Groshong et al. reported on the status of preparations for the April 14 Wildflower Show, Plant sales, table arrangements, food preparations, publicity and collecting were discussed. A motion to set the requested admission fee at $5.00, allowing children 17 and under and show volunteers to be admitted free of charge, was approved by all.

4B. The rationale for complementary memberships were discussed. Two were approved: Chris Johnson and Evan Tuchinsky. Contact info is to be found and sent to Meryl.

5A. Committee Chair vacancies were reviewed. Roxanne Canfield has accepted the Hospitality Chair position. Deb Halfpenny has expressed interest in becoming Horticulture Chair.

5B. Denise Devine will no longer edit The Pipevine after the April issue. Discussion revolved around alternative solutions, including simplifying the publication. Objections were raised to the suggestion to go strictly electronic. Ann Elliott will produce the May and June editions.

6A. Ann Elliott reported that the Alice Hecker Native Plant Garden was doing fine. She is also spearheading the May 5 Garden Tour in collaboration with the Altacal Chapter of the Audubon Society.

6B. Woody Elliott reported the status on several local environment issues including the Peregrine Pt. Disk Gold Course. However, his major concern was the cutting down of some 27 native Valley Oaks adjacent to the Nature Center in Bidwell Park. Apparently, the cutting was a fallout from not having a governing planning document.
6D. Nancy Groshong provided additional info about the Wildflower Show and described our minimal response to Home and Garden Show that is occurring on the very same weekend.

6E. Marjorie will be coordinating and leading field trips to Vina Plains under contract with The Nature Conservancy. Woody will be leading joint field trips with Marin – CNPS to North Table Mtn. Eco. Reserve and a burned area to be determined.

6G. Meryl Bond reported that the Chapter Membership stood at 238.

6I. Woody reported that April and May General Meetings will include presentations by Thea Chesney on mushrooms and Kathy LaShure on native plant landscaping.

7. The April 17 Board Meeting will be at the home of Nancy Praizler. The Elliotts agreed to host the May 22 meeting.

The meeting concluded with remarks from Hesh Kaplan concerning the February 26 Chico Science Fair.

Paul Moore adjourned the meeting at 8:55 P.M.