Sandy Lowery opened the meeting at 7pm in the absence of President Bert Pope.

Treasurer's report (Marilyn): The bank account has \$5,153.42 We paid the post office for a box.

Hospitality (Margaret D.) welcomed all guests and members. We'll enjoy the snacks after the business meeting before the presentation of the evening.



Membership chair was collecting the annual \$15 dues. Check or cash to Kathy Cantu.

Discussion was held in regards to the request from the Tucson Audubon society to help with the purchase of a home and property @ 50 miles from Tucson, for the use of birders. The group was in agreement to use TLAS funds to support Texas enterprises and birding opportunities.

The Board met at Luby's in August to plan the year's events in regards to speakers and field trips. Watch the web site and newsletters for details.

The lending Library was open and on display.

2pm on Thursday (Sept 12) Gil will be presenting "Native Plants are for the Birds" at the Salado Public Library.

7pm on Thursday (Sept 12) at the Georgetown public library is a program on "Mexican Longnosed Bats".

September field trip is on the 21^{st} . Details are in newsletter and web site. David C. will lead us at 8am along the south shore of Belton's Lake.

A late January 3-day field trip to the Valley is being proposed.

Gil opened the floor for nominations for the VP position; which had not been filled. We nominated, seconded and approved joyfully and unanimously for Sandy Lowery to be our VP. Sandy graciously accepted.

Gill introduced our speaker for the evening: Jie Kim.

Jie collected data for two specific research projects observing breeding artic birds in the BP Oilfields of Prudhoe Bay; the Alaskan Tundra.

Jie was open to questions after the presentation.