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Treasurer's Report

By Nadine Varner

12-1-2019

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We currently have \$13,776 in our general fund, \$10,770 in the special projects fund, \$39,337 in the bulletin fund, and \$35,731 in the memorial fund.

The following is a rough summary of our income and expenses for 2019, through Dec 1.

Income:

\$3,334 – Memberships
\$2,228 – Meeting Income
\$123 – Donations
\$594 – Sales
\$212 – Silent Auctions
\$1,382 - Interest
\$7,873 – Total

Expenses:

\$2,682 – Meeting Expenses
\$2,252 – Postage and Printing
\$2,825 – Special Projects
\$7,759 - Total

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Business Manager's Report

Business Manager Mickle Duggan completed the examination of the 2018 financial records for the Society as prepared by Treasurer Nadine Varner. All expenses were traced back to receipts and income reports are well documented. Also examined were the deposit records for the endowment funds. No exceptions found.

Mickle Duggan
OOS Business Manager

Welcome New Members

Helen Agnew
Ann Hanisch

Elizabeth Nichols
Alicia Webb and Family

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2020 Spring OOS Meeting

The 2020 Oklahoma Ornithological Society's Annual Spring Meeting will be held at Black Mesa State Park on May 8-10. The keynote speaker will be Allison Pierce from the University of Colorado Denver who will present on Mountain Plovers. Group lodging will be available at the state park. More information about the meeting will be available in the spring newsletter, on the OOS webpage, and on the OOS Facebook page.

Next Birds to Visit Oklahoma

As a fun mental exercise I sent out requests on several media platforms for participants to send in their lists of new-to-Oklahoma birds that they think will visit us next. This is not a scientific survey; just a fun way to see what birds Oklahoma birders think will be found in our state. There were twelve lists of different sizes sent in from birders across the state, with a great variety of hopeful selections. A total of 61 species in total were sent in by participants, with the top twenty birds that received the most votes listed below. Did your bird make the list?

3 votes each – Sagebrush Sparrow, Black Swift, Phainopepla, Limpkin, and Rivoli's Hummingbird (formerly Magnificent Hummingbird)

4 votes each – Tropical Kingbird, Vaux's Swift, and Flammulated Owl

5 votes each – Common Black Hawk, Gray-crowned Rosy Finch, Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, White-tailed Hawk and Allen's Hummingbird

6 votes each – Zone-tailed Hawk, Tufted Duck and Black-chinned Sparrow

8 votes each – Cactus Wren and Painted Redstart

9 votes – Fork-tailed Flycatcher

The birds that received either one or two votes but not enough to make the top twenty were:

2 votes each - Black-throated Gray Warbler, Curlew Sandpiper, Gray Jay, Green Kingfisher, Hooded Oriole, Ivory Gull, Northern Wheatear, Pink-footed Goose, Ross' Gull, and Three-toed Woodpecker.

1 vote each - American Oystercatcher, Aplomado Falcon, Audubon's Oriole, Bendire's Thrasher, Black-Tailed Godwit, Blue-footed Booby, Clay-colored Thrush, Costa's Hummingbird, Crimson-collared Grosbeak, Dipper, Egyptian Goose, Eurasian Kestrel, Garganey, Gray Kingbird, Gull-billed Tern, Harlequin Duck, Hermit Warbler, Kelp Gull, Northern Pygmy Owl, Pacific Wren, Pacific-slope Flycatcher, Parakee, Red-faced Warbler, Red-necked Stint, Ruddy Ground Dove, Rufous-backed Robin, Rufous-capped Warbler, Short-tailed Hawk, Tropical Parula, Western Gull and White-tipped Gull.

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