

SFTR Women's Group Meeting
February 13, 2021, 10:00 am

The SFTR Women's Group met virtually through Google Meet, Saturday at 10 am February 13. Those in attendance were Carol Smith, Mary Bishop, Maryanne Coelln, Deb Johnson, Maureen Latham, Claudia Henning, Barb Wurfel, Nancy Scott, Mary Ghormley, and Shannon Youngquist. Sending regrets was Pat Nash.

After check-in time and short visiting, the group discussed the possibility of inviting several persons to speak at the MOC as presentations which would be partial in person and partial virtual attendees. Once we have confirmation of dates that the Communication Committee could assist in these sessions, we will confirm with the suggested speakers. Thoughts are to have the Sheriff or representative to talk about home and ranch security; Bob Holder (DOW) to speak of living with wildlife and related topics, and Buddie Curro (Fisher Peak Fire dept chief) to speak of being firewise and smoke spotting. Bob Holder has already agreed and Carol Smith will contact him with a Saturday date in March once ComCom meets this week and reports back.

There were suggestions to have periodic gatherings starting in the near future at the MOC for presentations that may be of interest from our own local ranch community - items such as constellation identification, photos and stories about special trips someone has taken, learning a craft, Michelle Blake's Mongolian horse race, etc. This is something we will discuss further as guidelines for Covid are changing.

The MOC has begun to look a little different as the library area is shaping up. We now have a rocking chair added to the loveseat and chair to complete the sitting area, and the shelving for the books. The only need now is a coffee table for the area. The bookshelves are full right now, but new donations are always accepted. The books will periodically be sorted and some donated to the used book store when we get overwhelmed. It is hoped that someone would like to take the responsibility to keep the books sorted and refreshed every once in a while.

Shannon and Carol also set up an area for puzzles and games. We were given two bookshelves that the Metro office did not need for the books and puzzles and cards. Puzzles and games can be donated by contacting Shannon Youngquist.

Claudia shared an idea regarding putting up basketball hoops on two of the steel girders for a short court for playing. She will contact Bob Scott of the Metro to see if that would be okay to do. If so, the Women's Group will pay for the hoops.

The Women's Group will also pay for any refreshments needed for the presentations and ranch gatherings as discussed above, unless food from home is allowed under COVID guidelines - in that case it will be further discussed. Any group that wants to meet at the MOC such as a book club or such, that is not set up and sponsored by the Women's Group, would provide their own snacks.

Nancy Scott shared that our finances show a balance of \$3,984. The cost of the rocking chair and last small bookcase has not yet been submitted.

Picnic update - we are still hoping to have the picnic Sat July 3rd at the MOC. This date will continue to be evaluated as COVID guidelines for meetings and food are changing. The raffle items are being collected by Deb Johnson. Deb and Mary Bishop are co-chairing the raffle and will discuss plans with Nancy Scott regarding being able to take credit cards or checks for raffle items, possibly ahead of time as well as the day of the picnic. Nancy will be looking into Venmo, Zelle, and Apple Pay also as possible payment methods. They are also going to possibly post photos of items ahead for those who may wish to buy tickets for drawing even if they cannot be present.

Claudia has volunteered, and will start this Tuesday, to open up the MOC from 10-11 am each Tuesday for ranch neighbors to check out the library, work on puzzles, play a game or just visit. It will be necessary to follow guidelines at this time with masks and distances. Whoever is the person to open and close the MOC, will be in charge of cleaning afterwards. It is hoped to get volunteers from the WG to take turns "hosting" this weekly event.

The meeting was adjourned, with next month's meeting set for Saturday, March 13.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Smith