

Women's Group Meeting

August 21, 2021

Attending the meeting were Maureen Latham, Mary Bishop, Maryanne Coelln, Claudia Henning, Nancy Scott, Tracy Braddock, Lori Clark, Sue Downs, Harriet Vaugeois, Shannon Youngquist and Barb Wurfel. Sending regrets were Carol Smith, Deb Johnson and Cyndi Hamilton. Cyndi indicated she would volunteer where needed for the annual POA meeting and Fall Dinner.

The meeting began with everyone giving a brief introduction of themselves for the benefit of first time attendees.

Annual POA meeting

- It was agreed that the group should provide coffee and tea. Claudia will bring real creamer in several flavors.
- Lori, Harriet, Maureen, Mary B, Shannon and Deb Roberts (volunteered by Sue) will provide cookies. If others want to volunteer, please let Carol Smith or Barb Wurfel know.
- Shannon will display and sell logo wear. She has enough people to help her.

Fall Dinner

- After discussing dates in October through December, November 6 was chosen. Happy hour at 5:00 and dinner at 6:00.
- The food selection committee consists of Nancy, Claudia and Tracy. A maximum per person limit of \$20 was set. They will look at several caterers and possibly include having the caterer serve the food. The committee will present their recommendations at the next meeting. It was agreed that the Women's Group will consider paying the serving expense if the per person cost is too high.
- The Women's Group will provide coffee, tea, water, iced tea and dessert. Mary G volunteered to contact Julie Loudon and ask if she would like to prepare desserts similar to the last dinner. **Update:** Mary spoke to Julie after the meeting. Julie would like to prepare desserts and will provide us with several suggestions and associated cost to discuss at the next meeting.

- Table decorations and “entertainment” will be handled by Carol, Lori and Maureen. Nancy had an entertainment suggestion about guessing the name of a person attached to your back. Lori has a suggestion about a spelling game.
- Shannon will display and sell logo wear.
- Shannon will prepare a Save The Date announcement.
- Tracy volunteered to handle the RSVPs and collect money. Information will be firmed up at the next meeting once we have the needed information on caterer, cost, etc.

Holiday Lighting Proposal

- Maureen and Claudia presented their thoughts on selecting approximately 8 locations to decorate a tree with solar powered lights. They purchased 8 sets of lights when they saw a special deal on Amazon.
- The group thought this was a great idea but suggested that the lights be set on solid lights and no flashing. It was also suggested that we inform the POA Board of our plans. Lights only with no other decorations.
- We discussed just having members of our group doing the decorating or try to make it a neighbor project with folks from the specific neighborhood.
- Maureen and Claudia’s suggested locations are:
 - Bridge/guard shack
 - Top of Cottonwood
 - Fox Trail/Gallinas
 - Fox Trail (Timber Park?)/Fishers Peak
 - Little Bear/Oak Park
 - Mountain View/Tall Oaks
 - MOC
 - South Dumpsters
- Other locations suggested were Tall Oaks/Gallinas and Alpine Meadows/Fisher Peak. We will look at these locations at the next meeting to see if there are “bare spots” on the map. We must also be aware of any trees selected that are on someone’s private property.

Picnic Feedback

- It was agreed that the picnic was a huge success but there are areas what should be reviewed for improvement.
- If we are going to announce names of raffle winners we need to use the Women’s Group speaker and microphone outside. We could just post winner names on the board and let attendees check the list.

- It might be good to limit the number of items raffles each year. Or, only draw 10 winners at a time and then take a break before announcing the next set.
- Make a permanent sign to display by the guard shack each year asking people to refer to website for picnic details.
- See if it is possible to use an email broadcast alerting people of the picnic.
- Ask people that utilized the games what improvements are needed. Are there other games the Women's Group should buy?
- The group should consider providing paper plates and plastic utensils for everyone to use.
- Find a better way to remind people to take their leftover food items, serving pieces, etc with them when they leave. Appropriate food items can be donated to the Ditch Rat refrigerator.

Miscellaneous

- Meet and Greet Mondays continue to be well attended. It is the same 3 or 4 people that volunteer to host each week. We need more hosts so that we can keep this successful program going.
- It was suggested that there be some special themed gatherings at the MOC. A Super Bowl Sunday and a Christmas Brunch were two suggestions.
- No one attending the meeting knows the current status of having someone clean the MOC. Perhaps Carol knows and can bring us up to date at the next meeting.
- Nancy is still working with the IRS on obtaining our tax exempt status.
- Claudia announced that the Welcome Bag committee took a few weeks off and will start again in September.
- The group discussed the appropriateness of endorsing a letter regarding the upcoming POA Board election. It was decided that it is not the appropriate role of the group.

Treasurers Report

- There is \$4503 in our bank account and \$100 in the cash box.
- Picnic income was \$1473
 - Raffle \$934
 - Logo Wear \$428
 - Tip Jar \$11
 - Donation from Marilyn and Billy Hughes \$100. Carol sent them a special thank you on behalf of the group.
- Nancy is still working on having a Venmo account

Next meeting will be on September 18, 10:00 at the MOC. This is a week later than usual to avoid conflict with the Artocade Parade on September 11.