

Women's Group Meeting Minutes February 12, 2022 - MOC !0:00 am

The February Women's Group meeting began with warm coffee, Valentine cookies and chocolate on a cold, snowy day. Gathering together were Claudia Henning, Maureen Latham, Carol Smith, Nancy Scott, Sue Richter, Darla Tollefson, Carol Rankin, Mary Ghormley, Elsie Harris, Cindy Hamilton, and Pat Nash. Sending regrets were Deb Johnson, Shannon Youngquist, Amanda Korth, Mary Bishop, Barb Wurfel, and Sue Downs.

After time greeting and visiting, we began with introductions. Darla shared her background and delight of being part of the ranch now. Sue R. shared not only her background but love of painting and the fact she will be fulfilling a lifetime desire to study art soon in Florence Italy, which we were all thrilled for her. She also shared an upcoming art show that is planned at her home for SFTR residents, showcasing Sue's art (although her art is signed as 'Lily Richter'), and Lisa Jenkins' and Amanda Korth's art (also two ranch residents). Mark your calendars for March 25, 26, 27 and watch for more details.

Shannon had purchased more logowear bags for the welcome committee visits, but noted the price has gone up from \$10 to \$14 each. Price increases may be coming to other logowear as well.

Nancy Scott and Darla Tollefson spoke of the Treasurer position changing over from Nancy to Darla if the group agreed. Unanimously we thanked Nancy for her work she has done for us all, and welcomed Darla in her new role. Darla will be working with Mary Bishop and Nancy as they transition.

Amanda had asked for responses to a survey she placed on Nextdoor regarding any interest in starting a Men's Group/gathering. Maureen shared the survey results, gathered from 22 respondents. The majority were in favor of having either monthly or twice monthly get-togethers for beer and conversation, possibly poker or other games, and maybe target practice. The majority listed days of Thursday or Saturday 4-6pm as preferred, meeting in homes, with several names listed such as "Males and Ales". It was agreed this would be great for the men, however it would be up to the men to organize and plan and get the word out.

Cynthia shared an interest in having a 'ranch game night (s)' on a regularly scheduled basis at the MOC. Her husband and others enjoy bridge but it could be other games as well. It was of interest to several at the meeting and once a date is set, Cindy will check with the availability of the MOC to set the first of hopefully many game nights for the ranch community.

Karla Pinckard has a karaoke machine and there has been an interest in some to have a karaoke night soon. The evening of Thursday, March 17 (St Patrick's day) has been tentatively set up for this from 5-8pm, at the MOC with attendees BYOB (green tinted if desired) and food to share. Maureen will make a flier to post and help get the word out. We can use the popcorn

machine too! {This machine purchased by the WG was shown to the POA at the last board meeting.}

There are 2 tentatively planned speaker meetings at the MOC this spring and the WG has been asked to provide coffee and cookies for the meetings - one is an open house for the Metro, for folks to learn more about the Metro Operations and to see the Metro side of the building, and a Q and A for those who come... The second will be held late April or early May with Carol Rawle, and maybe Ron Rankin assisting, in Noxious Weed identifying and killing on our ranch. With the overgrazing of the ranch and the aggressiveness of weeds, there will be a big effort to control the weed proliferation. The exact dates and times of these have not been determined yet, but will be announced once they are. It is supposed both will be on a Saturday or Sunday.

A few items that the WG may want to think about purchasing for the MOC were discussed by Carol Smith. These are: another metal shelving unit for the games - especially if we will be having game nights it would be great to have some games here for use. The puzzles are multiplying, but no room for games now, so one for each may be good. We had two units but the Metro side (who purchased the shelves initially for them) needed one back. The other need is to watch for resales on good used 'oak look' bookshelves for the library. We have room for one more tall shelf and one low shelf. Lori Clark has done a great job in keeping the library organized and we have a lot of good donated books, but need a bit more shelving. The bookshelves we now have cost about \$20 each at resale shops, so that is our target range.

There was concern expressed about the Website and how emergency notifications may be sent out. Reverse 911 was mentioned, but if it is a ranch issue, you can have Nextdoor give an emergency notification, but for the website, you have to look at it. The question about a possible way for the website to do a text or other notification will be passed on to the Communication Committee.

There was a short discussion concerning a suggestion to change the Women's Group name. A few suggestions were Women's Club or Community Group. The question of us being more open with a name to let men feel included if they desire was raised. The complications of changing the financial paperwork and other places, along with tradition, and the fact that the men will be forming their own gatherings, caused this discussion to be tabled.

The meeting ended at 12:00 although many stayed after to chat and enjoy the conversations. Next meeting will be held March 12 at 10:00 am at the MOC.

-Carol Smith, for the Women's Group