

SFTR Women's Group Meeting  
October 22, 2011

The meeting was hosted by Lynne Parker in her wonderful new home. In attendance this month was Sue Downs, Mary Ghormley, June Stephens, Joan Beaumont, Sharon Beaver, Lynne Parker, Barb Wurfel, this recorder and Mindy looking from afar. June Stephens helped Lynne with the super great goodies, my favorite being the apple pie delight. Sue thought the pumpkin roll was particularly tasty and as we were enjoying these goodies, Sue passed around pictures of her condo in HI.

After that first order of business (enjoying the goodies) :), we settled into the business at hand.

The annual POA meeting: This recorder was asked to take a bow for a job well done in making the announcement during the meeting describing exactly why the Women's Group sells our ranch logo wear. We thought maybe our neighbors needed a reminder that we raise funds by the sale of cookbooks and logo wear to provide for some of the needs of the ranch as well as acts of good will. Our group sponsors the SFTR picnic: we provide tents, tables, condiments, entertainment, toilet facilities and the items to be grilled. We provide the dessert and entertainment at our Christmas dinner, as well as little projects around the ranch and the Welcome Bag.

Treasurers Report: Barb then read the treasurers report as submitted to her by Barbara Krause. The balance in our account is \$4265.79. This includes the net income of \$609.20 at the annual POA meeting. We then asked Mary to take a bow for her work designing, printing and distributing our "Save the Date" notices for the Christmas Dinner. We briefly discussed reordering logo wear and tabled that for the time being as we put together a current list of sales and needs.

Annual Picnic: Again we discussed the time of year the picnic should be held, how often the picnic should be held, placement of the vendors and logo wear. We discussed the possibility of inquiring into the necessary steps to obtain a burn permit for an evening bon fire. Barb mentioned the renting of LaCasa for any of our gatherings. We decided to offer a ballot at the Christmas dinner and ask folks their opinion about time of year, location, and frequency of the picnic. Once again, Mary volunteered to design a questionnaire and manage the collection of data at the dinner.

Christmas dinner: We agreed that we would not sell logo wear at the Christmas dinner, but we will take a box of cookbooks to sell. We discussed and agreed that we would offer entertainment at Tequila's that evening and the Women's Group would pay for it. A local resident, Bob Giordano, will play his guitar after the meal incorporating Christmas favorites and some regular tunes. The Women's Group will pay for the dinner of Bob and his wife, Jan. Bob will also have a "tip jar". We discussed the ease in offering a limited amount of dinner options for the party goes again this year. Again, the Women's Group will pay for the dessert. After Mary read an email she received last year from one of the party attendees, we agreed that we would review the menu options and change it up a bit. Sharon and Sue agreed to have lunch together at Tequila's and develop the list of menu options. Mary offered to design and display a poster for the bulletin board at the mailboxes and post one on the website. Barb will check for name tags and make the purchase if necessary and June and Sue will hand out the name tags at the party.

New business: We received a suggestion that there may be an opportunity to sell our SFTR cookbooks at The Corner Shop in town. Barb and Sue thought they might stop in for a look/see and report back to the group. June then reported that she had been contacted by Jerry Forbes, a property owner, who offered our group 500 ink pens. He said that for a cost of .30-.40 a piece he would engrave them with SFTR, Trinidad. The group thought maybe we could include these pens in our Welcome package, or could sell them for \$1 each, or use them as BINGO prizes! :)). If we sold all of them, we would realize a profit of \$300. We all liked that idea and so June will make contact with Jerry and try to negotiate a final price with him.

We began closing the meeting by asking who next would hostess our Nov meeting. Sue volunteered and June said she would help with the refreshments. Sharon said she and Monte would be traveling to honor both sets of parents and we pray safety and peace for their family. Our next meeting is Nov 19, 2011 at Sue's home at 10am. Please come and have a good time with us.

Kim Pronovich