

SFTR Womens Meeting minutes
January 2012

This month's meeting's hostess was Sue Downs, who was thrilled to have us all in, as she likes to keep her Christmas decorations up until after the Denver Stock Show. We saw a beautifully decorated tree, wreaths, a Christmas quilt and Sue's collection of Jim Shore figurines. I visited Jim's website and copied this next sentence from "About Jim". "Taking authentic designs from quilting, rosemaling, appliqué and flat perspective folk art, Jim creates an intricate and colorful work of art that reflects our shared cultural heritage yet is unmistakably Jim Shore." Mary Ghormley provided the yummy refreshments, a personal favorite of mine was Mary's biscotti, dunked just slightly in coffee made this transcription that much easier. Also, in Barb Wurfel's absence, Mary led our meeting. Carol Rankin called Sue and was sorry she could not attend this month's meeting.

In attendance were: Carol Smith, Barb Krause, Nancy Scott, Joan Beaumont, Sharon Beaver, Lynne Parker, Sue, Mary and myself. Painfully missing this month was June Stephens. We look forward to her schedule easing.

The pens we purchased from Jerry Forbes were shown around the group and we agreed we made a smart purchase. The pens have SFTR inscriptions on them, are nice and hefty and write beautifully. Barb Krause took the box of pens for safe keeping and sales.

In Carol Rankin's conversation with Sue that morning, Carol said the Chris Simpleman from Mt. Carmel Church offered our Women's Group the use of the facilities for one of our monthly meetings. He also offered to speak to our group about the complex and offered a tour. That date is pending, but we most certainly will take him up on his offer!

Due to the weather on our Christmas Dinner date at Tequilas, attendance was lighter than originally planned. All of the attendees who were at the meeting commented how much they loved the fried ice cream that Tequilas was able to offer for dessert in exchange for the sopapillas. Manual apologized and said the delivery truck could not get through the storm. We received comments that the attendees liked the menu selections that Sharon and Sue selected, great research ladies! :) We did decide that we would no longer have any music during our dinner party unless, of course, a table or two would like to sing a few Christmas Carols. We asked each person to fill out a survey and overwhelmingly, the residents have decided that we should keep our picnic to annually, at the Conservancy site and in July. Again it was mentioned that it would be great if this July we could have an electric fence erected around our picnic area to keep the cows out after cow pie cleanup and before the afternoon event. We are hopeful that one of our residents will offer to assist with that.

This really is all the business we talked about at the meeting, the rest of the time we talked of interests of different members. Nancy Scott talked about the wonderful museums and exhibits in Albuquerque that she and Dennis were able to visit with their grandchildren. We were all greatly saddened and moved as we listened to Sharon describe the final days of her and Monte's parents. I then inquired about Tom Stephens and Sue gave a nice little report. I think each of us said a silent prayer for the Stephens family and the Beaver family. We are a close knit community and it is evident when one of us is hurting.

Next month's meeting location is pending.

very kindly, Kim Pronovich