

Santa Fe Trail Ranch Women's Meeting  
March 12, 2012

In attendance were: Mary Ghormley, Barb Wurfel, Carol Smith, Carol Rankin, Lynne Parker, Barbara Krause, Francie Purswell-Montoya, Sue Downs, Sylvia Crisler, June Stephens, Nancy Scott, Robbie Colander, Kim Pronovich and for a very brief moment Harriet Vaugeois who popped in to say hi to us. We met at Mt. Carmel Health, Wellness and Community Center, 911 Robinson.

Having filled our coffee cups and snack plates, our meeting began with Scott Candland introducing himself as the COO of the facility and introduced Chris Simpleman as Director of Operations. We watched a video taking us back through the history and significance of Mt. Carmel, the purchase of the property by Mr. and Mrs. Jay Cimino, the building and future building plans of the property. After the video, our group was split in two, each group touring with either of our hosts. For those of us who had not yet been to Mt. Carmel, I think we found to be true what those before us said, it is indeed a fantastic facility and a true enhancement to the city of Trinidad.

When the tour concluded and we were all seated again, Barb W. started the meeting at 11:10 with an introduction of Robbie Colander who is visiting the Ranch with her hubby. Robbie is Harriet's sister and lives some months of the year in Ann Arbor, MI. Robbie comes to the Ranch each winter to ski and visit. We went around the room and introduced ourselves to Robbie. In addition to Robbie being at the meeting, it was marked as Francie's first meeting since her return from Costa Rica which was just a few days prior. Francie says she loves Costa Rica *and* she is happy to be home, although on that particular day, it was awfully cold and Francie's bones were a little cold.

We heard a very strange phenomenon as each of us were introduced ourselves to Robbie...many women exclaimed how much they loved their chainsaws and how unwilling our hubbies are to let us handle them completely on our own.

After the introductions, Barb asked for anyone to come forward to be our ranch historian. The ladies who have lived on the Ranch for some time, reminisced about the Joyce Wolff production, "The Bear Facts". There was a very brief discussion of whether or not to revive the feature of highlighting one woman per month on our website. We tabled that.

Barb asked the group if we wanted to stick with the second Saturday of each month to meet and we all agreed. She left the calendar out for us to sign up to hostess in the upcoming months.

Logo Wear: The committee consisting of Barb W, Lynne, Carol S, Kim, June, and Francie agreed to meet Thursday, March 15 at Barb's home to review the inventory of logo wear and place an order.

Treasury report: Barbra K reported we have \$3825.02 in the treasury.

July 7 picnic:

**Food Committee:** Lynne and Sharon Beaver. Lynne will purchase the hamburgers, hot dogs, needed condiments and buns.

We will ask Mark Pronovich and Monte Beaver to cook. We noted that we are in need of a very large grill.

**Publicity:** Mary G agreed to be the chairperson.

**Bingo:** Kim agreed to be the chairperson. The group voted again on the rental fee of \$50. Also, Kim will collect prizes at her home and ask Joe and Leslie Modica for the use of their generator for the Bingo game. The Ghormley bull horn is available for use during the picnic and for Bingo calling.

**Entertainment:** Francie will ask Will Dudley to perform again this year. We would like for Will to perform for the group with a 30-40 minute concert under the Bingo tent after dinner and then Bingo to follow.

**Vendors-**June Stephens agreed to be the chairperson. We agreed to ask for \$10 a table. Anyone who rents a table will be asked to donate a prize to the Bingo Game or raffle. We mentioned asking property owners to donate prizes for the raffle.

It was noted and agreed the Women's Group will be the only organization selling raffle tickets. Barb W will ask the POA if they would like to highlight anything at the picnic.

The group was asked to consider volunteering for the following duties for the picnic:

**Cow Pie cleanup:** *needs a chair person.* Nancy S and Lanae Rossi will help with the cleanup.

**Set up:** *need a chairperson*

**Cleanup:** *needs a chairperson*

**Signage for the Ranch prior to the picnic:** *needs a chairpeson*

**Port a potty:** Francie agreed to be chairperson

**Logo wear:** Barb W agreed to be chairperson

**RSVP:** Barb W and Mary agreed to be chairperson

**Picnic site mowing:** We will ask Bob Krause to mow

Sue D will ask the Austins if we can borrow their tent

**Shuttle service:** We will ask Al Tucker and Pronovich.

New business: June Stephens announced to the group that our beloved Walt and Joyce Wolff are moving off the Ranch to New Mexico. A farewell dinner at Tequilas is be discussed, details will be announced on the Ranch website.

Our prayers are asked for Karen Geiske, Linda Austin and Jan Ferrarro.

Our next meeting is April 14 at Carol Smith's house, lot 45. Sue Downs will bring the refreshments.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Pronovich