

Santa Fe Trail Ranch Women's Meeting
August 11, 2012

Today's meeting was held at my home and I'd like to thank the ladies for giving me a great excuse to clean my house. After a couple of really great vacations, the dust had settled and the rugs needed vacuuming. The ladies in attendance were: Sharon Beaver, Barb Wurfel, Joan Beaumont, Francie Purswell-Montoya, June Stephens, Lynne Parker and myself.

We began our meeting enjoying some very simple snacks, coffee and tea. June greatly added to our joy with the news of Tom's well being, we all are very grateful for his good health and adding to our celebration was an arrangement of gladiolas for the table. Thank you again, June.

Barb Wurfel began and led our meeting with a run down of our annual picnic: Approx 80 people attended; logo wear sales were \$644; \$160 in donations; \$215 raffle ticket sales; \$10 vendor fee; \$49 bingo; and \$40 sale table. We also received \$59 in after picnic logo wear sales.

Francie produced and discussed our treasury report, [please see attached](#).

And then, for the benefit of all, we began discussing the picnic.

- Vicki Mumma came up with a way to count heads at the picnic. Everyone who came had a name tag given to them and then we counted the number of tags taken off the sheet.
- June volunteered to be raffle chairperson next year, which is a really great way to start thinking about next year's picnic. She has also set aside her yearly contribution to the raffle; a quilted wall hanging. June also volunteered to be in charge of the sale table.
- The girls ask that we give a shout out to my beloved husband, Mark Pronovich for his timely attendance in helping with the set up. This year he was "our guy" painting the grass for tent set ups, parking and vendors. We gave thank you notes to those that helped with mowing and temporary fencing (John and Lynne Parker and Jerry Withington).
- Lynne and Sharon agreed to be the food committee chairs next year. We all thought that next year we would ask that the blessing be done a little earlier as folks started to eat as soon as they saw the burgers and hot dogs.
- Sharon offered to send a note to Little Stinker for their generous donation of the port-a-potties. Melvin, one of the owners of the business, said it was an act of thanks on his part because of all the kind business he receives on this Ranch. We thank him.
- Sharon suggested that in order to attract more bingo players, we move the bingo game into the food tent after everyone has eaten. We all agree that is a good idea.
- We took notes, pictures and measurements this year which will help with future picnics. We documented where the tables, tents, equipment came from and where it was used.
- We mentioned that we greatly appreciated John Noard's demonstration of fire extinguishers and are very happy that he sold all that he brought. We might ask John if he would like to demonstrate again next year, as a refresher to all of us.
- Again, we discussed moving the date of the picnic. There seemed to be some interest in moving the date to around Memorial Day for a cooler climate and increased

attendance.

- There is a need to purchase additional hardware (washers for the food tent and rope for one of the smaller tents).

The annual POA meeting is Oct 6 in the Pioneer Room at TSJC. Lynne offered to contact the TSJC Sodexo Dining Services, Joanna Yoakam at (719) 846-5629 or email joanna.yoakam@sodexo.com to order coffee and cookies. Barb will let the POA board know that we will again furnish refreshments and sell logo wear. June suggested we make an announcement at POA meeting telling everyone in attendance how and why the Women's Group raises money for the Ranch. There was a question of whether or not we have enough logo wear on hand to sell at the POA meeting and Barb thought we did. We would most love to sell all of our cookbooks in our inventory and so we are considering a sale. We agreed on selling the books for \$8 and get a logo pen for free, otherwise the pens are still a \$1 and the books \$8. June said she would make up a little sale sign for the cookbooks. Barb informed us that Virginia, our logo embroidery vendor, said that she underestimated the cost of embroidery on the camp chairs (because she had to put the logo on both sides) and unfortunately the cost will have to go up. Virginia is considering the purchase of a printer. If she does, we can get a quote for just printing the logo on the back of the chair. Virginia gave us a sample "bling" shirt. The group looked at it and Barb said she would get a quote from Virginia on them and let the group know. If reasonably priced, it would be nice to have them for the POA meeting.

2012 Christmas Dinner party: We discussed changing the location and several thoughts came up on a possible new location. A couple of us agreed to inquire at different locations and bring these items to our next meeting.

We discussed the note cards that we have for sale. We agreed to use them to send notes from the Women's Group as thank yous, thinking of you, etc. Sharon agreed to be our card sender.

I had asked to be relieved of my duties as our group's secretary and our beloved Sharon Beaver offered to take up the service.

We closed the meeting about 12:15 and Francie offered to hostess the next meeting, I offered to bring some goodies and Joan agreed to be Francie's back up. Our next meeting is Sept 8.

Very kindly,
Kim Pronovich