

SANTA FE TRAIL RANCH WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING, FEBRUARY 15, 2014

The SFTR Women's Group met February 15, 2014 at the home of Sharon Beaver. Those attending included Joan Beaumont, Sharon Beaver, Roxanne Briggs, Mary Ghormley, Leslie Modica, Lanae Rossi, Carol Rankin, Nancy Scott, Carol Smith, Dena Wagner and Barb Wurfel. Lynne Parker and June Stevens sent regrets.

The meeting began with a Happy Birthday to Dena and an introduction of and welcome to Leslie who thanked the group for the welcome bag she received.

Items discussed included the following:

-Lanae should deliver a welcome bag to Tim and Pat Nash who are now full-time residents.

-After much discussion about the ranch picnic, the consensus was that the best time for the picnic is late May or early June before the cows arrive. This year, however, presents too many scheduling conflicts of dates and too few of those who prepare for the event being able to participate. As a result, those present decided to skip the picnic for 2014 and look forward to May/June of 2015 instead. Mary will inform the ranch website of the change.

-In conjunction, June sent a beautiful quilt which she thought might be an item for raffle or auction at the picnic. Since there will be no picnic this year, those present chose to return the quilt to June to allow her to decide just how it might be used. All appreciate her dedication to the Women's Group and her generosity.

-Everyone present agreed that the focus of the SFTR Women's Group should be less on fund raising and more toward social activities. The group could organize periodic outings to include anyone on the ranch who might choose to attend. Such events might include visits to Rosemont or the Saint James Hotel and Philmont. Dena volunteered to get information about Philmont for a possible outing this summer. The goal is to help build membership and determine new fundraising activities in the next 12-24 months.

-Mary shared that she is still trying to arrange a fire-spotter session with Ed Gieske. It will be helpful for those who attend to have a necessary piece of equipment to make the event really meaningful. She also brought information about community preparedness that is available on the ranch website.

-There are still cows on the ranch. If one spots them, he/she should call Rusty Walker at 846-3788 or 719-680-1054.

-There were many kudos to the Women's Group about the Christmas party. Lanae reported that that party brought in \$808.50, which equates to 49 people at \$16.50

each. The Grille cost was \$839.98, which included the \$12.95 per meal, a tax of \$43.78 and gratuity of \$135.66. The Women's Group provided the cake at \$25.99. As of 1/31/14 the balance in the treasury is \$4,323.81.

-Carol Smith asked for permission to use some tables for her daughter's wedding. Her "charge" will be helping at the next picnic.

-Sue Downs has given money toward new flags. All appreciate her generosity and agreed that the Women's Group should reimburse Greg Beaumont when he next purchases flags for use on the ranch.

-Barb informed the group that Francie Purswell-Montoya has a custom framed Santa Fe Trail 75th Anniversary poster for sale for \$100. These posters are very difficult to find.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MARCH 8, 2014, 10:00 a.m. AT THE HOME OF LANAE ROSSI AND MAX AND OLLIE. The agenda will be coming up with ideas for Women's Group activities while fund raising efforts remain on hold.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Beaver