

SANTA FE TRAIL RANCH WOMEN'S GROUP MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 19, 2015

The SFTR Women's Group met at the home of Roxanne Briggs. In attendance were Sharon Beaver, Roxanne Briggs, newcomer Kathy Eppens, Mary Ghormley, Ann Kost, Tammy Raine, Lanae Rossi, and Barb Wurfel.

The following items were addressed:

-Barb informed the group that it had received a donation from the Kinder's for the use of tables and tents for their daughter's wedding. It was noted that Carol Smith had repaired a torn shade canopy after the picnic and all send special thanks to her!

-The main topic for discussion was the Christmas party. Tammy had contacted Brix and Barb had contacted Primero. After thorough discussion, the group settled on Primero as the best choice for the venue. Brix would be much more expensive per couple and overall offers less flexibility in menu choices. Primero offers the Garden Room for \$125 and a buffet including tax and tip for \$15 per person. We will charge \$18 per person, same as last year, and the extra \$3 per person will cover the cost of the room. It was decided to go with a Christmas-theme entrée of ham and turkey. Barb will work with Primero to determine which sides and what sort of dessert will be offered. A suggestion of a bread pudding for dessert met with approval from all present. The only "drawback" might be the fact that the restaurant has license for beer and wine only. No one thought that would be a serious issue for most. Barb will also check about whether or not we will need table decorations. If decorations are called for, Sharon and Tammy will help Carol with that project. Lanae and Sharon will be the RSVP contacts and Sharon will make the nametags for the attendees. We discussed if a Saturday may be better than a Sunday for the dinner since many watch football on Sunday. We decided to try a Saturday and get feedback as well as monitor attendance. Saturday, December 12, 2015 will be the date.

-Barb had checked with Virginia Cusimano and there will be no need for minimum orders for logo wear. Any orders made by the middle of November can be ready before Christmas. Barb and Mary will work together to create an order form to be ready by the POA meeting. It was decided that the cost of each item will be marked up by 25% and that the remaining items still in inventory will be priced to match the purchase prices of any new orders. Barb will contact Sue Sanders to see if she is willing to update the website's logo-wear postings. Sharon will transport

the items in inventory now and the donations jar to the POA meeting. Lanae, Roxanne, and Tammy will handle the sales table and take orders at the meeting. Orders will be paid for upfront.

-Lanae expressed a concern that the items in the welcome bags for new full-time residents are generally not "impressive." She suggested that perhaps the Women's Group could include something more useful or substantial in addition to the cookbook now included. After good discussion, the group decided that providing a logo-wear tote bag to hold the other "stuff" would be a good idea. The consensus was to order twelve bags. Kathy Eppens generously offered to pay for the bags. Thank you, Kathy!! Lanae stated that she could use help in obtaining items for the welcome bags. Anyone can encourage local businesses to contribute items. Inclusion in the bags is a good PR move as well as a positive way to introduce their business to newcomers to the community.

-In conjunction to the above, the group also decided that it would be most helpful to new residents to have a ranch map included in the welcome bag. Ann will get two sizes of maps copied and contact Cedar Street Printing to get pricing on both laminated and non-laminated prints of the maps to be ready for purchase at the POA meeting as well as for inclusion in future welcome bags. She and Lanae will coordinate the number of maps to be ordered at what cost.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 10, 2014 AT THE HOME OF TAMMY RAINE. Look for the rock with two bears at 33057 Ponderosa Ridge.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Beaver