

**SANTA FE TRAIL RANCH WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING
JANUARY 16, 2016**

The SFTR Women's Group met at the home of Carol Smith on January 16, 2016. In attendance were Sharon Beaver, Marilyn Hughes, Ann Kost, Lynne Parker, Lanae Rossi, Marcia Sage, Nancy Scott, Carol Smith, June Stephens, and Dena Wagner. Sending regrets were Mary Ghormley, Carol Rankin, and Jill Wilson.

Those present enjoyed a delicious variety of snacks and welcomed newcomer Marilyn Hughes before addressing the following business items:

---After some discussion, it was determined that orders for logo wear will continue primarily on line and those ordering should be made aware that orders will be filled once a sufficient number of items have been ordered and that there will be a possibility of wait time before items arrive. June and Dena volunteered to coordinate a list of items to pre-order and have on hand before major events like the picnic and the fall POA meeting. They will report their ideas at the next meeting so that the group can authorize the funds to cover the suggested pre-order. Lanae will help as she can. It was also suggested that there be early notification and advertisement of logo wear ordering possibilities before and during the two main ranch events.

---Lanae gave the treasurer's report. The POA sales netted \$1168.50. The Christmas party cost \$1044; we took in \$1026 and thus had a bit of a loss. Becky McBride donated \$274.92 to the Women's Group—a result of overpaying for her POA dues. Everyone thanks Becky for her generosity and all look forward to when she will be "home on the ranch" full time. The current balance is \$5728.47.

---June 11, 2016 will be the date of the ranch picnic. That should avoid conflict with the Elk Foundation's activities and will be the same weekend as the annual Santa Fe Trail Days June 10-12 as well as perhaps include some activities at the SCRT. In conjunction, Dena will contact Rusty Walter to inform him of that date and to find out just who is the person he contacts on the ranch.

---In evaluating the Christmas party, all agreed that the venue was great and the meal was good (except that June did not care for the dessert). Everyone appreciated Carol's efforts with the trivia and games. It was noted that there were a number of issues with the organization of this year's party and that next year "things" will be much better. Also since there are other big conflicts with so many other holiday activities and since weather is a factor, the group decided to try an earlier fall activity in place of a Christmas event. November 12, 2016 will be the date.

---Lanae will notify the women when mitigation on Cottonwood Canyon begins again so that those who wish may sign up to provide snacks for the volunteers. Bob Dye provides water.

---Ann volunteered to provide 20-25 maps of the ranch for the welcome bags. She will use the map from the website. Lanae reminded all that anytime they are in places of business which might benefit from advertising in the welcome bags that they suggest that opportunity to the owner/manager. If the business is interested,

get no more than ten coupons (or whatever) and notify Lanae. She will pick the items up or they can be left for her in the box behind the bulletin board. Once business was completed, there was “lively” and informative sharing about the marijuana situation in Trinidad and how it is affecting the community. Carol informed the group that there are efforts to coordinate a central place to better organize and monitor ways to help the needy so that the generosity of the community can be best served to help those who truly need help and to separate out the “professionals” who exploit and abuse the “system”. Carol also enlightened those present about the needs at the Soup Kitchen as well as a bit about how it works.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE FEBRUARY 13, 2016 AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE HOME OF SHARON BEAVER. (33330 Cottonwood Canyon Drive. That’s at the very upper end of the drive!)

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Beaver