

SANTA FE TRAIL RANCH WOMEN'S GROUP MEEETING---OCTOBER 21, 2017

The SFTR Women's Group met at the home of Dena Wagner. Attending were Stacey Alexander, Sharon Beaver, Sue Downs, Lynne Parker, Carol Rankin, Nancy Scott, Dena Wagner, Denise Wichterman and Barb Wurfel. Sending regrets were Tammy Merriott, Lanae Rossi, June Stephens, Carol Smith, and Jill Wilson.

Those present thoroughly enjoyed the smorgasbord of delicious goodies Dena had prepared as they discussed the following items:

Fall Harvest Dinner:

--RSVP's need to be made and paid by October 28. At the time of the meeting there was a count of 28.

--"Entertainment" will include trivia cards Carol Smith has created to be placed on the tables for the individual tables to enjoy and a "song fest" for the whole body. Barb will provide a list of words pertaining to fall and Sharon will create cards to be placed on the tables. Each table will be challenged to come up with a song including one or more of the words and then "perform" for the whole.

--Carol Smith sent some decorations to be used if the tables need more than provided.

--Barb will emcee and Stacey will take random pictures for the scrapbook.

--Sharon has one copy of the contract and the other will be given to Tammy.

Financial:

--Dena reported that the current treasury balance is \$5382.

--Dena will look through the books and come up with how the group has spent its money in recent years in an attempt toward creating a budget, which will show the typical/cyclical expenditures per year. Steve Wagner is willing to use his CPA expertise to aid the group about how it might best organize the financial aspects of the Women's Group.

--The Women's Group had agreed several months ago that it would pay Greg Beaumont for his expenses in replacing old/damaged flags at the guardhouse. The consensus was to continue that practice with the ones who have taken Greg's place. Nancy suggested that, since the expenditure has been long approved, it should be included in the budget. All agreed.

Misc:

--In discussing how to celebrate the opening of the new bridge, it was decided that Barb will talk with Bob Scott to determine just exactly what the event will include. Barb will inform Bob that the Women's Group is willing to purchase hot dogs, buns, cookies and sparkling ciders for the celebration and will provide the condiments and all necessary table service. (Those who wish to have stronger beverage may bring their own.) The tables are also available if needed. It was also suggested that there be some sort of ribbon cutting and that perhaps Bob should be the first to cross the bridge. Barb will inform everyone if there is more needed to accomplish a successful celebration.

--Stacey reported that she had collected all the Welcome Bag "stuff" from Lanae. She is in the process of sorting it all out and making an inventory, which she will share with Dena. She is seeking out donations to be included in the bags. Carol Rankin has volunteered to help Stacey. She asked about to whom exactly she should deliver a bag. After some discussion the consensus was that a bag should be given to those who own a property and are living on the ranch. (Someone in the process of building and living here may be included.) Renters should be excluded.

--There was a good discussion about how to honor/recognize the many volunteers who make this ranch such a special place. Since it is such a diverse group of people and there are so many avenues through which people volunteer, it was determined that to single out individuals would be impossible and no one wants to leave out someone. The group decided that it might be best to acknowledge the volunteers at gatherings like the upcoming dinner, at the annual picnic, and perhaps at the annual POA meeting by asking them to stand and be recognized and thanked. All agreed that we are blessed with incredible talent, expertise, and willingness to share skills from so many individuals and that is what makes SFTR a standout among ranches like this one.

--Barb reported a need to find a new "home" for the picnic tents and asked that anyone willing to store them contact her.

--Sue brought notebook of old minutes and other information about the Women's Group. The secretary will take the notebook and add whatever she has that needs to be included and then will maintain the notebook for past and future records.

--The group decided to forego a November meeting and gladly accepted an invitation to meet at the home of Carol Smith on December 9, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. for a Christmas party at which the only agenda item will be to discuss possible fun outings for 2018. Carol lives at 33140 Vista West Drive.

--Sharon Beaver will host a January 13, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. meeting at her home weather permitting. She lives at 33330 Cottonwood Canyon Drive----the very end of the road.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Beaver