

SANTA FE TRAIL RANCH WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING---AUGUST 8, 2018

The SFTR Women's Group met at the home of June Stephens on August 8, 2018. Those attending included Stacey Alexander, Sharon Beaver, Mary Bishop, Sue Downs, Janis Forch, Deb Johnson, Ann Kost, Maureen Latham, Pat Nash, Lynne Parker, June Stephens, Dena Wagner, and Barb Wurfel. Sending regrets were Mary Ghormley, Lanae Rossi, Nancy Scott, Carol Smith and Jill Wilson.

Everyone enjoyed June's tasty snacks and a period of reconnecting before the following items were discussed:

-----Stacey had been really busy and updated the group about welcome bags. She has made a number of new contacts and has several new offers/discounts/services from local businesses to be included in future bags. She will now put the red SFTR stickers for owners' vehicles in each bag. Mary G. is updating the vendor lists to be included as well. (Thank you, Stacey for all your hard work!)

-----Dena reported that the treasury balance is in excess of \$5000.

-----Barb informed the group of what Carol Smith, she and Mary B. had discovered about possible venues for the fall dinner to be held on November 3, 2018. Most of the local venues are well over any desired price per person. Many want large fees just for the room and then add other fees in addition to the actual meal costs. La Plaza in Walsenburg was a possibility, but the consensus was that most prefer to support a local business and weather is always a question with any distance to be traveled. After much discussion, the group decided to go to Tequila's. Barb will contact Tequila's and choose three entrée choices and work to keep the total cost at \$20 per person.

-----Carol Smith sent a suggestion that the group explore the possibility of being able to place a display case of samples of ranch logo wear in the Metro Operations Center/Community Center once it is built. Deb Johnson volunteered to research the style and cost for such a case. The group would also prefer to hold its meetings there as well as have a storage area for tents and tables.

-----In conjunction with Carol's suggestion, Sue Downs suggested that the women explore the possibility of organizing fund-raising efforts to help furnish a good kitchen area in the proposed community center. One such event might be a progressive dinner or a house and garden tour of ranch homes.

-----In a review of the picnic, all agreed that bringing the tents closer together made for a better experience for all attending. Also, it was agreed that in the future, the tents should be set even closer. June also shared that she had purchased a 10' x 10' pop-up tent for the event. The consensus of those present was that June should be reimbursed the \$85.64 because there is always a need for an extra tent. June also stated that her newly formed quilting group will be creating a quilt for the picnic raffle next year.

-----Barb expressed thanks to June for organizing an outing to the Philmont mansion and encouraged anyone interested in such outings to take the lead and invite others to join in. Some suggestions for future outings included a play at the SCRT, a trip to Bent's Old Fort in the fall, a visit to the Farmers' Market some Saturday, a Triggers game, etc.

-----Sue shared that the Trinidad Youth Club will soon be opening a take and bake carry-out pizza place. (This is similar to a Papa Murphy's, but there will be no phone orders.) All proceeds will go to the TYC. TYC Pizza is located at 829 Arizona Ave. in Trinidad. The information-only phone number is 719-422-8462. This endeavor is meant to help the youth learn business skills, discipline and responsibility as well as enjoying teamwork and community with one another.

-----The Annual POA meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2018 at the Trinidad Community Center. Carol will need help setting up tables and chairs the evening of October 5. Watch the web for the set-up time.

-----The Women's Group will provide cookies and drinks for the meeting. The center has a large coffeepot. Dena has two larger drink containers. Sharon will check what plates, cups, etc. the group has on hand. In conjunction, June and Sue will contact the fire department to determine what paper products purchased long ago by the Women's Group might still be stored at that facility.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT THE HOME OF DENA WAGNER ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2018 AT 10:00 A.M. (Dena lives at 33051 Mountain Meadow Overlook.)

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Beaver