

Women's Group Meeting Minutes  
January 14, 2023

Our January meeting began at 10:00 with Carol Smith, Shannon Youngquist, Darla Tollefson, Joni English, Mary Bishop, Pat Nash, Lori Clark, Nancy Scott, Sue Downs, and Claudia Henning in attendance. Sending regrets were Barb Wurfel, Maureen Latham, Missy Craig, and Mary Ghormley.

Shannon began the business part of the meeting discussing the increased prices of logowear; several items are going up significantly, some of which are best sellers. After discussion, it was voted to sell the items we have currently at the price they are listed for now, but new items will be sold for our cost plus an average of 25% for the fundraising efforts for the WG. The group did give Shannon the okay to determine the increase if she felt some should be increased by a different percentage. Some examples of price increases are : currently we have been selling denim long sleeve shirts for \$26, now our cost will be \$31; Beanies we have been selling for \$8.50, but now will cost us \$9; We sell tote bags for \$14 but now cost to us will be \$15...

Maureen and Bill will be putting up the AED, First Aid Pack, and Stop Bleeding Pack in the new outdoor container. This will be located outside the front door of the MOC. (Metro has given permission).

Claudia suggested we each think about inviting a neighbor who usually does not come to the WG Meetings to attend. It is hoped this may increase the interest and expand the # of attendees... It was mentioned that the Welcome Group of gals will be hosting a brunch Jan 19th for those new gals they have visited over the last couple years (2021, 2022). This should be a nice way to have newbies meet and feel more a part of our ranch. We await their positive report afterwards!

- Any newer ranch ladies are invited to the brunch; please RSVP by Tuesday by calling Pat at 303-909-5569.

Darla said we have \$3,564.70 in our account and \$121 in cash. She reported one of our larger expenses of 2022 was the Annual fall dinner since we paid for the appetizers and some of the desserts and prizes, however it was a great success and we received positive comments all around from those who attended. Other notable expenses for the year were logowear restocking, AED, first aid and stop bleeding kits, popcorn machine, as well as items such as paper products, utensils and coffee.

Carol mentioned she put the snacks that have been laying on the counter tops in the MOC kitchen in the corner cabinet if any meeting groups need something. Nancy Scott will remind the FHWMC, and Claudia, Sue and Pat will remember for the Monday night group. Pat did say the Monday night group has been bringing their own food as well as own plates, etc. We agreed that they should use what is in the closet and/or charge those paper products to the WG.

Carol asked if it would be a good idea to have a mug holder for coffee and tea to decrease the use of disposable cups, and all agreed and some will bring extra cups for that purpose after Carol creates one to hang.

It was decided to tentatively save the date of Saturday, July 1, for the Annual picnic. Claudia will get back with the group next month to let us know the plans and dates of the city for the 4th celebration, so we can see if there will be too many conflicts. Darla Tollefson has volunteered to chair the Raffle Committee for the picnic - thank you Darla!

Other suggestions that were discussed are:

- 1) Have a "Clothing Exchange" some time at the MOC - bring your clothes that are nice but no longer wanted, to give away for whoever wants.
- 2) Have a craft sale at the MOC for crafters from the ranch and open it up for Ranch Owners (not public).
- 3) Have a garage sale at the MOC for individuals from the ranch to bring their own stuff (again open only for ranch owners to sell and buy). This would not be a fundraiser - so no cost to the sellers. {This should be in nicer weather so the tables could be outside as well as inside}.

No dates have been decided for these yet but should be proposed in the near future. All three ideas were thought to be great.

Other discussions:

- 1) Vermejo Ranch opens up twice a year for a brunch in which local persons can come to have a great meal, plus view the grounds and tour inside. This year the spring brunch will be on Mother's Day, and there will be a fall date as well. Cost is \$50 pp. For more information and to request reservations you can contact Jared at [jared.chatterley@trinidad.co.gov](mailto:jared.chatterley@trinidad.co.gov)
- 2) The Bald and Golden Eagles should now be at the Maxwell Wildlife Refuge, NM. If interested it is suggested to call the ranger station to make sure they have arrived for their winter nesting and see if the visitor center will be open. (not necessary to view the eagles, but a nice place with good displays- and has restrooms!)
- 3) Saturday the 21st the Main Street Live is having a free performance. It is to be a dressier affair and promises to be well worth going!
- 4) Also on the 21st will be a presentation of winners of "the best of Trinidad" survey with free pizza and fun events.
- 5) The Parks and Recreation office is said to have plans to move into the Waterworks Building near Cimino Park; plans are to create 4 pickleball courts on the high school grounds for the public use; studies and plans are being discussed to create more riverwalk beautification around the river and expand the walk/bike trail; rumor has it that the new Fisher Peak State Park trail to the top of the peak may be completed this year. Right now they have over 11 miles of trails completed - some multiuse, some hiking only and one mountain bike downhill only.

After the meeting was over, Maureen came in from her CPR refresher class she attended and said the instructor is willing to come to our MOC at some point to teach CPR and First Aid. A time for that will be determined and announced.

When the meeting adjourned some stayed to look at the current logowear which Shannon has in stock and we had a "flash sale". Shannon suggested to have another flash sale Feb 11, perhaps before the next WG meeting begins.

Next Women's Group Meeting will be Saturday, Feb 11 at 10:00 am at the MOC.

-Carol Smith, for the SFTR Women's Group