

January 11, 2025 Women's Group Meeting Minutes
MOC, 10:00 am

In attendance were Carol Smith, Maryanne Coelln, Jean Busch, Sue Downs, Claudia Henning, Gayle McCrary, Shannon Youngquist, and Lori Clark

The Women's Group once again had volunteers place solar lights on areas around the ranch last month for the holiday season. These seem to be appreciated by residents as they drove on the ranch in December. Lights can be returned to the WG at the MOC for use next year. It is noted that we will need to purchase a few more strands of lights and tinsel for next December as some lights no longer work and some tinsel was torn by the winds.

The current Welcome Committee gals, Claudia Henning and Pat Nash are ready to turn the reins over to new volunteers. After the February 8th WG Meeting, those who are interested to know more and be considered for the positions are asked to stay and talk to Claudia and Pat, receive information, ask questions, etc. To be considered, the Welcomers should be an active participant of the Women's Group, be familiar with the Ranch, the activities, the website, the covenants, etc. The visits also include sharing information about the local Trinidad area. These items will be addressed at the gathering on the 8th. This group is a very important asset for the Ranch as a whole in helping new residents feel welcome, answering their questions, etc.

Darla Tollefson has been volunteering as our treasurer the past several years, and lately Jean Busch has been helping her on the ranch with Checkbook writing and receipts. Darla has plans to move and so a plea went out for someone who may be able to do the spreadsheets and business end of the finances. Maryanne Coelln has stepped up. Jean, Maryanne and Darla will get together to discuss the treasurer "to do" lists and responsibilities. A Big Thank You is expressed to Darla, Jean, MaryAnn, as well as those who had done this in the past, including Nancy Scott and Mary Bishop.

The once a month cleaning done by Ranch resident Katie Zaboroski has been greatly appreciated, but with us needing to tighten our belts, Katie agreed to only clean every other month (odd # months) as well as still shampoo carpets in November. We shall evaluate over the months how this is working. It was also discussed, and will be implemented, to give out a list of "expectations" whenever the MOC is scheduled to be used. These expectations include cleaning up spills on carpets and countertops, washing dishes, taking home any leftover food brought, vacuuming if needed, emptying trash containing food, etc. The list of expectations will be sent by email to those reserving the MOC as well as placed in the kitchen and by the calendar by the front door.

The group that planned to talk about using the firehouse sometimes in the future for our Women's Group Meetings has not yet had an opportunity to check the facility out or talk with the fire chief. Once this is done, their report will be brought back to the WG for discussion. Regardless, it is thought it would be a great idea to at least have a day sometime to open up the

firehouse for residents to see inside and get information about our Volunteer Fire Department. Notice will be given when this time will be set in the future.

There was discussion about having some feedback regarding the website. The Communications Committee is open for thoughts and suggestions, and may be contacted by sending an email to web@santafetrailranch.com . One such suggestion that came up at the meeting is to change the wording of putting in your information when signing up for the web to explicitly say your email will not be available to the general public, but only to the SFTR residents. This information, as well as your telephone #s, helps residents to be in touch with one another.

Jean Busch plans to write an article for SFTR FB and the website regarding the availability for recycling various trash articles once a month, using a business that comes to the mailboxes. Look for this soon to get your questions answered as to this process, cost, etc.

Our Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Next meeting will be Saturday, February 8th, at 10 am at the MOC (33712 Mountain View)