

Women's Group Meeting on 11/29/2008

Nov 29, 2008 Womens meeting was hosted at Betty Withington's home and Kim Pronovich provided some of the refreshments.

The meeting was attended by: Betty, Kim, Carol Rawle, Barb Wurfel, Linda Austin, Sue Downs, June Stephens, Denisa Derrick, Doris Noard and Sue Spanner.

Doris provided the treasurers report. There was a deposit made since the last meeting in the amount of \$507.00 These funds were received from sales of logo wear and other misc sales at the annual POA meeting in October. The current balance is \$7010.00. No other activity.

Barb Wurfel announced that a spreadsheet has been created as an inventory of the available logo wear. Promoting through the web site is a little slow and it was suggested by Carol that perhaps sales would quicken if we uploaded pictures of the ladies wearing the shirts and such.

There was an informative and lengthy discussion regarding the upper and lower ponds on Gallinas Parkway. A majority of the ladies present discussed the desire and the need for a committee to investigate into the resources needed to preserve the ponds availability for the wild life and fire management. Carol offered the names of Federal and State organizations for funding and property owners names for historical reference. Denisa Derrick volunteered to begin the study of the protection and preservation of the common area. She will begin information gathering and in the future may request to be added as an agenda item at a POA Board meeting to bring solutions to the need. The discussion ended with the agreement that management and preservation is necessary and desirable.

Sue Downs presented reusable Welcome Bags to the newest residents: Denisa Derrick and Kim Pronovich. Inside the bag is a cap, coffee mug, outdoor thermometer, pens, the worlds best pizza cutter, magic grip jar opener, set of dice, map of the ranch, a map of the original San Fe Trail, note pad from Trinidad State College, a phone book, a welcome booklet with poems and drawings by Sylvia Crisler, a coin purse, night light, brochures of Trinidad, local interests, and Trinidad State College, guest pass to Pro-Rehab and Fitness Center and additional brochures for community education, Southern Colorado Repertory Theatre, Noah's Ark and the State forest service.

I thought you'd all like to know what is in the bag so we can appreciate the efforts of those filling and distributing the Welcome Bag.

The Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday December 6 6 p.m at .Sabrosa's-----
----- . June reports that there are 24 people attending the party this year. Betty suggested that next year's party be held on a week night so as not to conflict with business, family or private parties. It was agreed that a mid week party is a good

opportunity for more people to attend. For this year's party, each attendee is asked to bring a Christmas ornament for a table decoration and for exchange. June also reported that she is unable to organize a Valentines Party in Feb 2009 as she and her valentine will be attending classes in Albuquerque.

Kim gave a report on The Rosemount Mansion in Pueblo. The group checked their calendars and voted to go on Saturday, December 20th. We will take a self-guided tour of the museum and have lunch at the Carriage House. We agreed to meet at the mailboxes at 8am and caravan out to Pueblo. As we have a group of 10 or more attending, the discounted fee for the tour is \$4.50. Reservations (tentative 15) have been made for lunch and the lunch menu is current on their website. www.rosemount.org. The women agreed that we would like to extend the invitation to tour and fellowship with all the property owners. We will post the invitation on the web site.

Betty has recommended that we table a ranch clean up until warmer weather. It was agreed by all.

-----Joyce Wolff sent the womens group an idea for the Santa Fe Trail Ranch logo on Christmas tree ornaments. It was thought to be a little too late to initiate that for this season but will be looked into as a future fund raiser.

The meeting concluded with Sue Downs volunteering to host the next meeting at her home and Denisa volunteered to bring the refreshments. The meeting will be January 10, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

Submitted by Kim Pronovich.

Women's Group Meeting on 10/25/2008

Present: Doris Noard, Sue Spanner, Sylvia Crisler, Carol Rankin, Kim Pronovich, Betty Withington, Carol Rawle, Harriet Vaugeois, Mary Ghormley, Linda Austin, Denisa Derrick, June Stephens and Barb Wurfel

The meeting was chaired at the home of Barb Wurfel. Prior to opening the meeting, each attendee introduced themselves to the group.

Old Business

1. Treasury Report: Doris Noard reported that our current balance is \$6503.00. Since the last meeting we have deposited \$383 from the sale of logo wear and paid out \$97.88 for the purchase of logo wear and Santa Fe Trail posters. Barb reported that approximately \$500 of logo wear, posters and maps were sold at the annual POA meeting. The money was given to Doris for deposit.
2. Fish Pond: Doris reported that she mentioned the stocking of the fish pond at the last POA Board meeting. Jim Davis suggested that there may be grant money available. Doris also talked to two people who had been involved when the pond was first stocked. They indicated that the pond would need extensive dredging and that people were not following the "catch and release" rules. After discussion, the group felt that it would be worthwhile from an environmental as well as recreational standpoint to get more information about grant availability. Barb volunteered to contact Jim Davis for any insight he may have. Carol Rawle mentioned the organization "Greater Outdoor Colorado". It was also suggested we contact the Metro District to see if they have an interest in this project.
3. Welcome Bags: Sylvia Crisler reported that we received several items from San Isabel Electric to put in our welcome bags. Sylvia is putting a sign on the bulletin board asking new residents to contact us to receive a bag. It was noted that two attendees, Kim and Denisa, should receive bags.
4. Logo Wear: Barb reported that there have been no sales generated by the material we have posted on the SFTR website. We should consider offering logo wear at the ranch Christmas party. Other than special orders, we will not order more logo wear until more of it is sold.

New Business

1. Coffee mugs: We had received a suggestion that we should consider selling coffee mugs with the SFTR logo. The group decided to table the idea at this time.

2. Christmas Party: June Stephens asked if the group would help her with the planning of the ranch Christmas Party this year. It was agreed that we should help and a committee was formed consisting of June, Harriet Vaugeois, Kim Pronovich, Denisa Derrick and Linda Austin. It was suggested that we check on the availability and cost of having the dinner at Sabrosa (municipal golf course) this year. Harriet volunteered to contact them. The committee will get the invitation on the website, secure the restaurant and plan decorations, etc. It was suggested that we have people bring an ornament to exchange and to bring a toy for donation.
3. Rosemount Mansion: The group talked about visiting the mansion in Pueblo during the holidays. Kim and Betty will get information, pick a date, and put something on the SFTR website to invite anyone who would like to go.
4. Recycling: Sylvia reported that a group in Trinidad is working on getting recycling available again. It was also reported that the new gas co-op that is being created may consider it in the long term.
5. Video: The video on the history of women's voting rights was discussed. Because the video is two hours long, the group did not want to view it at an upcoming meeting. Anyone interested in seeing it will contact Sue Downs.
6. Ranch Clean-up: Betty reintroduced this topic that was discussed several months ago. It was suggested that we start working near the mailboxes and move north and south. We should divide the ranch into small areas so that clean up is not overwhelming. Kim, Betty and Carol will pick a date.
7. Future discussion topics: A craft sale and/or garage sale should be discussed at upcoming meetings.

Wonderful baked goods were furnished by Sue Downs and June Stephens.

The next meeting will be November 29, 10:00 a.m. at Betty Withington's home, 33441 Mountain View. Kim volunteered to bring the treats.

Women's Group Meeting on 9/20/2008

Present: Sylvia Crisler, Sue Downs, Barb Krause, Nancy Scott and Barb Wurfel

The meeting was hosted at the home of Sue Downs.

Old Business

1. Treasury Report: Barb Wurfel reported on information received from Doris Noard as Doris was unable to attend the meeting. Since the last meeting, \$100 was paid to Trinidad Plumbing for the port-a-johns used at the picnic and \$854.07 for the reorder of logo wear. The balance is \$6217.88. The group received acknowledgement from the EMS coalition for the \$1867 received for the Michelle Minion scholarship. This is really due to the hard work of Betty Withington and our thanks goes to Betty for doing this.

There is approximately \$380 received from the sale of logo wear that Barb will give to Doris for deposit.

2. Welcome Bags: Sue Spanner has written an article for the SFTR website to alert new residents about the availability of the welcome bag. A new e-mail address is being created, WGinfo@santafetrailranch.com, and Sue Downs will be the contact person.
3. Logo Wear: The reorder of logo wear has been received. Sue D. will get approval from Bob Scott for the Women's Group to sell the logo wear before and after the annual POA meeting on October 18.

New Business

1. A correction was noted to the August 9th minutes. June Stephens had not stated that she would talk to Bob Holder about ramifications and requirements for stocking the pond with fish.
2. Barb W. was able to locate the Santa Fe Trail anniversary posters that the Women's Group sold in the past. The group agreed that we should order 10 posters and sell them at \$10 a piece. Barb will place the order and have them available for the October POA meeting.
3. The group mentioned ideas to discuss at upcoming meetings. Nancy S. thought we should check into the availability of recycling. Barb W. suggested that we have a holiday lunch or perhaps a trip to Rosemount in Pueblo for the December meeting. Sue D. has a video on the history of women's voting rights that we could show at an upcoming meeting.

Wonderful baked goods and fruit salad were furnished by Sue Downs.

The next meeting will be October 25, 10:00 a.m. at Barb Wurfel's home, 33241 Mountain View.

**Women's Group
Meeting on 8/9/2008**

Present: Doris Noard, Sylvia Crisler, Sue Spanner, June Stephens, Mary Ghormley, Barb Wurfel, Carol Rankin, June Stephens, Barb Krause, Joan Beaumont, Nancy Scott and Sue Downs

The meeting was hosted at the home of Sue Downs.

Old Business

1. Bank Account: Our new bank account is with International Bank. Doris Noard (Treasurer), Betty Withington and Sylvia Crisler now are on the checking account and each can sign checks for the Women's Group, with only one signature required. Any checks written to the Women's Group should be made out to one of these women.

Doris reported that we purchased \$1,374.00 worth of Logo Wear and Laminated Maps and \$10.00 for Welcome Bags. We sold \$1,096.00 in Logo Wear and maps at the Picnic and Barb Wurfel has received an additional \$40.00 as of today.

The cost of picnic supplies, food, etc. was \$164.00 and the Port a Potties \$100.00 (we have not received the bill for them as yet).

2. Picnic: All agreed the picnic was a great success, it being the first one in several years. Following were comments and suggestions:
 - a. Definitely need more people on the committee and people willing to help set up, clean up and take down after the event...
 - b. Need to emphasize RSVPing and set a reply date.
 - c. It was suggested we do a survey on the web page regarding desired date for the event in the future.
 - d. Possibly more activities, i.e. Auction, games, etc.
 - e. Try to set sites for canopies closer to the center of activities for more camaraderie.
 - f. We could stage a Cook off.
3. Welcome Bags: Three bags have been delivered with two more to be taken. We need to keep a look out for new residents. When we see new building going on, we need to let Sylvia and/or Sue know so we can welcome the new residents on the Ranch. Sylvia suggested we also ask about new people through the web site.
4. Logo Wear: The logo wear committee consists of Barb Wurfel, June Stephens, Sue Spanner and Sue Downs. The Group authorized the purchase of up to \$800.00 in additional logo wear to be available to property owners attending the Annual Meeting on October. Sue Spanner will put a notice on the web site that

we have merchandise for sale which can be ordered from Barb Wurfel. June and Sue Downs volunteered to sell logo wear at the Annual Meeting.

New Business

1. June mentioned that a ranch resident asked about restocking the pond with fish as had been done in the past. It was stated that we are not sure who is responsible now that the Conservancy has taken over that portion of the ranch. Would the POA Board be responsible and what are the environmental ramifications? June will check with Bob Holder for input. Doris will mention it at the next POA Board meeting.

Wonderful HOME BAKED Cinnamon rolls were furnished by June Stephens.

The next meeting will be September 20, 10:00 a.m. at Nancy Scott's home, 33711 Mountain View.

Submitted by: Sue Downs

**Women's Group
Meeting on 6/22/2008**

Present: Doris Noard, Sue Downs, Sylvia Crisler, Sue Spanner, June Stephens, Mary Ghormley, Barb Wurfel

The meeting was chaired at the home of Barb Wurfel. Old business discussed:

1. Doris updated us on the checking account. The third signer is Sandy Manifold. Doris has the check book and visited the bank with Betty Withington to update the signatures. There were problems getting the signature card updated because we do not have an employer ID number, etc. Alternatives were discussed and June Stephens made a motion that was seconded by Sue Downs that we open an individual account at another bank (International Bank) with Doris, Betty and Sylvia Crisler as signers.
2. Sue D. updated us on her welcome tote deliveries to three families. Sylvia will keep a list of everyone who has received a tote. Doris talked to Nancy Allred about notification of new homes built and the inclusion of the POA welcome packet in the tote. Nancy no longer tracks when homes are built because it no longer impacts the annual dues. She recommended that we discuss this with Sheryl Smith in her role as head of Emergency Services Committee. Barb volunteered to contact Sheryl. Nancy also indicated that the POA packet needs to go to new property owners as soon as the purchase is made regardless of whether there is a home on the lot.
3. Barb gave an update she received from Francie Purswell-Montoya on the logo wear order. The vendor indicated that most of the items will be ready by July 5 and Francie plans to pick everything up on July 4. We reviewed each item we will be selling and set the price we should charge. Any change in pricing will be made if we feel a change is needed once we actually see the item.
4. Doris gave an update on progress made by the picnic committee. John Noard has volunteered to pick up the tents from the Austins and make sure they are in working order before the picnic. The Wurfels and Sue D. have 5 gallon pails we can use to anchor the tents. Two portable toilets have been rented for \$100. John N. and Jerry Withington volunteered to mow the picnic area. The Withingtons and the Noards will bring gas grills. Volunteers to set up on Saturday morning include Harriet Vaugeois, the Wurfels, the Ghormleys, Sue Spanner and John Sanders. Betty W will get the tables from the guard shack and June has disposable tablecloths. There are notices of the picnic by the mailboxes and on the bulletin board. Mary and Doris will make sure there are readable versions posted. Sue S will order and pick up the buns from Safeway and Doris will go to Sam's Club for the other items. Sylvia and Sue D. volunteered to sell the logo wear and laminated maps at the picnic and June

volunteered to make a poster listing the items for sale. June also has a table to display the items.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 9 at 10:00 am at the home of Sue Downs. June will bring the treats.

**Women's Group
Meeting on 5/31/2008**

Present: Betty Withington, Linda Austin, June Stephens, Doris Noard, Sylvia Crisler, Kris Spinning, Barb Wurfel

The meeting was chaired at the home of Barb Wurfel. **Old business discussed:**

1. The comments on the SFTR website Discussion Forum made by previous members of the Women's Group regarding financials was discussed. Betty reported that there is approximately \$6000 in the account at First National Bank and that she and Nancy Scott are current signers. There is a third signer but no one recalls who it is. Betty is willing to remain a signer but does not want to be Treasurer. Doris volunteered to be Treasurer. She was then officially nominated and elected. It was decided that any expenses must be approved at a meeting before reimbursement will be made. Betty will contact Nancy when she gets back in town about getting new signature cards signed, etc.
2. Sylvia reviewed the items she received for inclusion in our Welcome tote bag to new residents. She had nine complete totes ready for delivery and Sue Downs has delivered three. Sylvia is confident that the local merchants will cooperate as she puts together additional totes. Currently, our only source of new residents is Francie Purswell-Montoya. Members of the Women's Group should let Sylvia or Sue D. of any new residents. Doris will ask Nancy Allred to let us know when a lot is switched from "unimproved" to "improved" in an effort to identify newcomers. Doris will also talk with Nancy A. about the inclusion of the POA Welcome Kit in our totes. It was decided that we should keep a list of who receives bags so that we can contact them and invite them to the next meeting.
3. June reported that the Santa Fe Trail commemorative poster is no longer available. She even contacted the warehouse in AZ who, in turn, called several companies that had the poster in stock at one time. They were unable to locate any.
4. The ordering of logo wear was discussed. It was decided to let the logo wear committee invest approximately \$1000 in t-shirts, caps, sweatshirts, etc. It was thought that hats, t-shirts and other less expensive items would sell more readily at the annual picnic than the more expensive jackets and denim shirts. June thought that she could purchase aprons and totes for a lesser price at Hobby Lobby and have the embroidery vendor apply the logo. (In a subsequent discussion with Francie Purswell-Montoya, June learned that the vendor will only embroider items ordered through her.) Barb will tell Francie about the discussion and ask her to place the order.
5. The July 5th picnic was discussed. There are many tasks to complete prior to the picnic. Doris and Betty said they would have a committee meeting (Doris,

Betty, Francie, Sue D., Sue S.) prior to the next meeting. Linda has the tents that belong to the Women's Group. She asked that someone volunteer to store them after the picnic as she no longer has room for them. The four tables owned by the group are in the guard shack. They will be used to hold the food. Chris volunteered to put up a sign by the mailboxes. She will also contact Pat Roehl and ask him to broadcast a message asking people to RSVP to Betty W. It was suggested that if anyone has items to donate for a raffle, we could raise additional funds at the picnic. Due to the short time frame, we may not get many items.

New Business discussed:

1. Betty suggested that we have a trash pick-up day to clean up the ranch. It was agreed that this was a good idea and it will be planned after the picnic. We still have trash grabbers and maybe vests from the adopt-a-road program.
2. June reported that she had 12 ranch maps reduced in size and laminated. The cost was \$4.45 each. We will sell them at the picnic for \$10.
3. We decided that we should consider selling our logo wear, pens, etc. at the 2008 annual meeting.
4. After the picnic, we will have a "bring a friend" to a Women's Group meeting to try to increase awareness and participation.
5. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 22, at 1:00 pm at Barb Wurfel's house at 33241 Mountain View (C25).

Women's Group Meeting on 4/20/2008

Present: Sue Spanner, Frances Purswell-Montoya, Doris Noard, Barb Wurfel, Sue Downs, Betty Withington, Sylvia Crisler, Carol Rankin

The Meeting was Chaired at the home of Sue Spanner. Old business discussed:

1. The pricing on printing the old cookbooks versus new cookbooks was discussed. It was decided to sideline the cookbooks as fund raisers for the time being and explore other fund raising options.
2. Francie got prices from our previous embroidery vendor. Sue S. presented information on a new embroidery vendor who owns property on the ranch. It was decided to remain with the original logo, and to expedite ordering in time for the annual picnic, to place our order with the local vendor this time. A survey was done on which articles of clothing to order. It was also decided that we needed to verify our finances before purchasing.
3. Betty will look into previous Woman's Group financials. It is believed that money raised in previous Woman's Groups endeavors should be spent with the general approval of previous members. Once OKed, logo wear will be ordered.
4. It was determined that the current Woman's Group mission be described as "The Woman's Group exists for camaraderie and fund raising for the benefit of Santa Fe Trail Ranch."
5. Sylvia designed and drew up a Welcome booklet for SFTR newcomers. She will look into having them printed. Sue S. will help print other pertinent information to also be used in the Welcome kit. Inquires will be made at Wal-Mart and Safeway for donations of cloth bags to use with the Welcome kits. It was determined that Welcome kits be distributed to SFTR newcomers who move here permanently. Sue D. and Sylvia indicated they would like to deliver the Welcome kits to newcomers. Anyone interested in helping, contact Sylvia at 846-8550.
6. The group agreed that June Stephens should order 20 SFTR anniversary posters based on her investigation into their availability and cost. It was also agreed that she should order new plat maps, some laminated. These will be offered for sale at the annual picnic, and maps will be included in the Welcome kit.
7. The time, date, and location were determined for the annual SFTR picnic. It will be on the conservancy on Gallinas near Fox Trail as it was previously held. It will be Saturday, July 5th, 2008 at 11:30 AM. The Woman's Group will furnish hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments, plates, and plastic ware. Final preparations such as, getting the awnings out of storage, designating cooks and grills, will be made at the May meeting. Sue S. will post the information on the SFTR web site.

New business discussed:

1. Sue S. brought up the suggestion of renaming the Woman's Group. The majority wanted to keep the name as is.

2. Sue D. suggested the purchase of a large gas outdoor cooker for use at Woman's Group events. Everyone was in agreement.
3. The next meeting will be at Barb Wurfel's house at 33241 Mountain View on Saturday May 31st at 11:00 AM.

**Women's Group
Meeting on 3/22/2008**

Present: Barb Wurfel, Sue Downs, Deb Roberts, Frances Purswell-Montoya, Sue Spanner, Sylvia Crisler, Elaine Fodor, Jan Ferrero, Julene Gyde, Betty Ruward, Linda Austin, June Stephens, Doris Noard.

The meeting was chaired and at the home of Doris Noard. The past history of the Womens Group was discussed for new members joining the group. Future topics presented by the group:

1. Fundraising – Cookbooks, logo wear, note cards, laminated ranch maps, Santa Fe Trail posters, garage sale, and crafts were all discussed as past fundraisers. Fran will check into logo wear pricing and work with Sue and Elaine on the project. June will check into cookbook pricing and updating, Santa Fe Trail posters, and pricing for laminating maps.
2. It was believed that Nancy Scott has the account of the Womens Group money from past fundraising. She will be contacted to determine her interest in continuing as group Treasurer.
3. SFTR Community Center – There was agreement and support of a community center. There was a discussion of where the center may be located. The center needs POA Board action to proceed.
4. Money for Funeral Luncheons – It was moved and seconded that the Womens Group set aside \$600 for funeral luncheon expenses. The amount allotted for a funeral luncheon would be \$200.
5. Welcome Wagon as a Womens Group Activity – Need ideas of what to include in welcome wagon 'kit' and do not want to duplicate items in ranch welcome kit. Once kit is established, several ladies from the womens group would deliver the kit to new folks on the ranch.
6. Summer Picnic – Betty and Jerry Withington have volunteered their home for the picnic. Dates were discussed and it was decided to let Betty and Jerry pick the date. Picnic ideas discussed: pig roast, chili cook off contest, opportunity for womens group fundraising.
7. General business – The chairperson for the meeting will rotate each meeting. Person hosting the group will chair the meeting. One person will take minutes and put on SFTR web site for 3 months. Doris volunteered for the first three months. The next meeting will be Saturday, April 12 at Sue Spanner's home, at 1:00 pm., 33115 Mountain Meadow Overlook. Please RSVP if attending to Sue at 845-1160 by April 10. Use phone communication if weather does not permit meeting. The May meeting will be at Barb Wurfel's home, date

not yet determined.

8. Susie Davis will be coordinating a SFTR dinner at Cougar Canyon on Friday April 18, 2008. Watch the web site for info, time, and to RSVP.