

SFTR Womens Meeting minutes January 2012

This month's meeting's hostess was Sue Downs, who was thrilled to have us all in, as she likes to keep her Christmas decorations up until after the Denver Stock Show. We saw a beautifully decorated tree, wreaths, a Christmas quilt and Sue's collection of Jim Shore figurines. I visited Jim's website and copied this next sentence from "About Jim". "Taking authentic designs from quilting, rosemaling, appliqué and flat perspective folk art, Jim creates an intricate and colorful work of art that reflects our shared cultural heritage yet is unmistakably Jim Shore." Mary Ghormley provided the yummy refreshments, a personal favorite of mine was Mary's biscotti, dunked just slightly in coffee made this transcription that much easier. Also, in Barb Wurfel's absence, Mary led our meeting. Carol Rankin called Sue and was sorry she could not attend this month's meeting.

In attendance were: Carol Smith, Barb Krause, Nancy Scott, Joan Beaumont, Sharon Beaver, Lynne Parker, Sue, Mary and myself. Painfully missing this month was June Stephens. We look forward to her schedule easing.

The pens we purchased from Jerry Forbes were shown around the group and we agreed we made a smart purchase. The pens have SFTR inscriptions on them, are nice and hefty and write beautifully. Barb Krause took the box of pens for safe keeping and sales.

In Carol Rankin's conversation with Sue that morning, Carol said the Chris Simpleman from Mt. Carmel Church offered our Women's Group the use of the facilities for one of our monthly meetings. He also offered to speak to our group about the complex and offered a tour. That date is pending, but we most certainly will take him up on his offer!

Due to the weather on our Christmas Dinner date at Tequilas, attendance was lighter than originally planned. All of the attendees who were at the meeting commented how much they loved the fried ice cream that Tequilas was able to offer for dessert in exchange for the sopapillas. Manual apologized and said the delivery truck could not get through the storm. We received comments that the attendees liked the menu selections that Sharon and Sue selected, great research ladies! :) We did decide that we would no longer have any music during our dinner party unless, of course, a table or two would like to sing a few Christmas Carols. We asked each person to fill out a survey and overwhelmingly, the residents have decided that we should keep our picnic to annually, at the Conservancy site and in July. Again it was mentioned that it would be

great if this July we could have an electric fence erected around our picnic area to keep the cows out after cow pie cleanup and before the afternoon event. We are hopeful that one of our residents will offer to assist with that.

This really is all the business we talked about at the meeting, the rest of the time we talked of interests of different members. Nancy Scott talked about the wonderful museums and exhibits in Albuquerque that she and Dennis were able to visit with their grandchildren. We were all greatly saddened and moved as we listened to Sharon describe the final days of her and Monte's parents. I then inquired about Tom Stephens and Sue gave a nice little report. I think each of us said a silent prayer for the Stephens family and the Beaver family. We are a close knit community and it is evident when one of us is hurting.

Next month's meeting location is pending.

very kindly, Kim Pronovich

Sat. Feb 11, 2012

Santa Fe Trail Ranch Women's Meeting

We all woke up to frost on the trees and a misty, cold, morning but that did not deter the commitment or the excitement of the passengers in each car as we all headed over to Greg and Joan Beaumont's home. Joan had a warm, inviting fire in her living room that greeted us as we said hello and started visiting. In the living room that morning were Carol Rankin, Sylvia Crisler, Sue Downs, Mary Ghormley, Lynne Parker, Carol Smith, Joan Beaumont, and a new neighbor to some of us, Vicki Mumma who lives in the Turkey Creek neighborhood, and this recorder. We started our meeting with introductions around the room so Vicki could get to know us.

It was suggested by Mary that we pass a calendar so each of us could choose a month to hostess our meetings; once that was completed we moved on to discussing logo wear. Sue had the names of a couple of neighbors that are interested in ordering items that were currently out of stock, so we discussed possibly placing a special order for those items. We talked quite a bit about the decision whether we should place a special order or whether we should reconvene our logo wear committee to gather the inventory and decide what is needed, and then place a large order to include the special items and refilling our stock for sales at the annual picnic. At the end of our discussion we decided that the logo wear committee could reconvene with a budget of \$1500. Lynne, Carol S, and myself volunteered to be the committee, while hoping that Barb Wurfel and Francie Purswell-Montoya would join in once they got back home. Contact was made with June Stephens about staying in the committee and she agreed. The date for the committee to meet is pending until all parties are home.

Barb Krause was busy volunteering to file senior income tax forms in town, so the treasurer's report was not given.

Discussion moved to our March 10 meeting. Carol R. spoke to Chris Simpleman, at Mt. Carmel, and he still invites us to meet at the new facility in Ziccardi Hall. She reported that an ice machine is available, and a coffee maker. Chris Simpleman would like to show a 7 minute video and then spend about 10 minutes with questions and answers and take us on a tour of the building. After the tour, our meeting will begin. Chris asked for a sign in sheet so Mary said she will provide one and also put the announcement on our website with a two week reminder. Mary and Sue agreed to be the contact persons for this event. We all agreed to invite as many of our neighbors as we could think of. We are hoping for a great turn out for this event and are hopeful that some of our neighbors would like to join or rejoin our group. We are going to meet at the mailboxes between 9:30 and 9:40 to carpool over to Mt. Carmel. I offered to bring cold drinks, 12

ceramic coffee cups, dairy and non dairy creamer, and spoons. Sylvia offered cookies, Carol R , Lynne, and Carol S will bring a goodie. Sue will make the coffee and Carol S will bring an additional coffee pot to the facility if needed. At this time, we are still in need of additional cups, sweeteners, napkins and little plates.

Discussion moved to our annual picnic. We set the date for July 7. Mary will put a save the date on our website. Once the cow pie committee is formed, we thought it would be nice if they could begin clean up the Saturday before the picnic with a couple of additional days for

final cleanup. We are also very hopeful one of our good neighbors can help us set up a fence around the picnic area to keep our lovely cows from roaming onto our newly cleaned designated picnic area.

Food committee: Sharon Beaver and Lynne Parker will chair that committee. Lynne will make the food purchases. Publicity: Mary Bingo: Kim P will collect Bingo prizes. It would be good to have a another volunteer from the south end to collect Bingo prizes also. Mary passed around a set of note cards produced by her daughter and offered them as prizes. When asked about her daughter's website for further viewing, Mary said it is jengstudios.wordpress.com or jengstudios.etsy.com. Vendors: We thought we could contact June about chairing the vendors for the picnic and once she was contacted, she happily agreed to that chair position. Additional committee chairpersons will be needed, however we tabled further picnic discussion until our next meeting.

Sylvia reminded us that she and Carol R are the Ranch Welcome Committee and they are always looking/asking for names of our new neighbors.

Our meeting went quite long this month and I think it was the warmth and welcome of the Beaumont home as well as the enjoyable fellowship of our women friends. We closed the meeting about 12:15.

very kindly, Kim Pronovich

Santa Fe Trail Ranch Women's Meeting March 12, 2012

In attendance were: Mary Ghormley, Barb Wurfel, Carol Smith, Carol Rankin, Lynne Parker, Barbara Krause, Francie Purswell-Montoya, Sue Downs, Sylvia Crisler, June Stephens, Nancy Scott, Robbie Colander, Kim Pronovich and for a very brief moment Harriet Vaugeois who popped in to say hi to us. We met at Mt. Carmel Health, Wellness and Community Center, 911 Robinson.

Having filled our coffee cups and snack plates, our meeting began with Scott Candland introducing himself as the COO of the facility and introduced Chris Simpleman as Director of Operations. We watched a video taking us back through the history and significance of Mt. Carmel, the purchase of the property by Mr. and Mrs. Jay Cimino, the building and future building plans of the property. After the video, our group was split in two, each group touring with either of our hosts. For those of us who had not yet been to Mt. Carmel, I think we found to be true what those before us said, it is indeed a fantastic facility and a true enhancement to the city of Trinidad.

When the tour concluded and we were all seated again, Barb W. started the meeting at 11:10 with an introduction of Robbie Colander who is visiting the Ranch with her hubby. Robbie is Harriet's sister and lives some months of the year in Ann Arbor, MI. Robbie comes to the Ranch each winter to ski and visit. We went around the room and introduced ourselves to Robbie. In addition to Robbie being at the meeting, it was marked as Francie's first meeting since her return from Costa Rica which was just a few days prior. Francie says she loves Costa Rica and she is happy to be home, although on that particular day, it was awfully cold and Francie's bones were a little cold. We heard a very strange phenomenon as each of us were introduced ourselves to Robbie...many women exclaimed how much they loved their chainsaws and how unwilling our hubbies are to let us handle them completely on our own.

After the introductions, Barb asked for anyone to come forward to be our ranch historian. The ladies who have lived on the Ranch for some time, reminisced about the Joyce Wolff production, "The Bear Facts". There was a very brief discussion of whether or not to revive the feature of highlighting one woman per month on our website. We tabled that.

Barb asked the group if we wanted to stick with the second Saturday of each month to meet and we all agreed. She left the calendar out for us to sign up to hostess in the upcoming months.

Logo Wear: The committee consisting of Barb W, Lynne, Carol S, Kim, June, and Francie agreed to meet Thursday, March 15 at Barb's home to review the inventory of logo wear and place an order.

Treasury report: Barb K reported we have \$3825.02 in the treasury.

July 7 picnic: Food Committee: Lynne and Sharon Beaver. Lynne will purchase the hamburgers, hot dogs, needed condiments and buns. We will ask Mark Pronovich and Monte Beaver to cook. We noted that we are in need of a very large grill. Publicity: Mary G agreed to be the chairperson. Bingo: Kim agreed to be the chairperson. The group voted again on the rental fee of \$50. Also, Kim will collect prizes at her home and ask Joe and Leslie Modica for the use of their generator for the Bingo game. The Ghormley bull horn is available for use during the picnic and for Bingo calling. Entertainment: Francie will ask Will Dudley to perform again this year. We would like for Will to perform for the group with a 30-40 minute concert under the Bingo tent after dinner and then Bingo to follow. Vendors-June Stephens agreed to be the chairperson. We agreed to ask for \$10 a table. Anyone who rents a table will be asked to donate a prize to the Bingo Game or raffle. We mentioned asking property owners to donate prizes for the raffle.

It was noted and agreed the Women's Group will be the only organization selling raffle tickets. Barb W will ask the POA if they would like to highlight anything at the picnic.

The group was asked to consider volunteering for the following duties for the picnic:
Cow Pie cleanup: needs a chair person . Nancy S and Lanae Rossi will help with the cleanup. Set up: need a chairperson

Cleanup: needs a chairperson

Signage for the Ranch prior to the picnic: needs a chairpeson

Port a potty: Francie agreed to be chairperson Logo wear: Barb W agreed to be chairperson RSVP: Barb W and Mary agreed to be chairperson Picnic site mowing: We will ask Bob Krause to mow Sue D will ask the Austins if we can borrow their tent Shuttle service: We will ask Al Tucker and Pronovich.

New business: June Stephens announced to the group that our beloved Walt and Joyce Wolff are moving off the Ranch to New Mexico. A farewell dinner at Tequilas is be discussed, details will be announced on the Ranch website.

Our prayers are asked for Karen Geiske, Linda Austin and Jan Ferrarro. Our next meeting is April 14 at Carol Smith's house, lot 45. Sue Downs will bring the refreshments.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Pronovich

Santa Fe Trail Ranch Women's Meeting April 14, 2012

For most of us, today was the first time being at the home of Jeff and Carol Smith out on Vista West Dr and, oh, what a vista their home has! In celebration of Sylvia Crisler's birthday, the ladies in attendance were: Ann Scott, Mary Dye, Mary Ghormley, Joan Beaumont, Sharon Beaver, Carol Rankin, Vicki Mumma, Barb Wurfel and Kim Pronovich. We asked Sylvia what plans she had for her birthday celebration and she told us of a surprise party given to her by a couple of loving neighbor/friends. She also told of a celebration with her son, Tim, and daughter in law, Jean, and Jean's mother, Natalie. That Sylvia is a very loved little lady on the ranch.

We really could go no further in our meeting without mentioning that our Club's treasurer, Barbara Krause is recently diagnosed with colon cancer and is asking for prayer. Her journey begins asap on the road to recovery. We missed her and her closest friends at today's meeting.

Barb W received a call from Chris Simpleman at Mt Carmel Health and Wellness Center inviting us to come back for our May meeting and meet Dr Serafina, the new Family Practice Doctor on staff. We discussed the possibility and after a few minutes decided that since we were invited and had such a super time last month we agreed to meet there again. We discovered that our next meeting date is Carol Rankin's birthday, so Vicki offered to bake and bring a cake for the event. We decided that for anyone wishing to bring their own ceramic coffee mug, they should, but anyone with no preference would drink their coffee from a styro foam cup. Barb W is going to make contact with Chris at Mt Carmel and ask about the coffee and accessories there.

Moving on then, Barb mentioned the need for a scrapbooker and Women's Group historian. She went out to her car to bring in the scrapbooks of yesteryear and we spent a few minutes looking at the photos and articles of our founding members. Things were so different then, the Women's Group participated in so many fund raising events for the Ranch and Trinidad. The pictures are a reminder to us and what great leadership preceded us. Carol Smith offered to create new scrapbooks for our photo collection.

Logo Wear: Barb W, Francie and Carol S. spent a morning together and placed an order for our logo wear. This included some of our old favorites as well as some new items. One such item being camp chairs, which all of us thought was a super idea. We will purchase a couple of chairs, have the logo embroidered on them, take them to the

picnic and see what kind of response we get. The cost may be prohibitive, so we may possibly sell them for less than our usual markup.

Picnic: Cow pie cleanup: Stills needs a chair, although we may not need to have much of a cleanup depending on the weather and whether the cows come onto the Ranch. The fact that the

cattle did not graze on the Ranch last year will make the job very easy if we are able to fence off the area of the picnic. We would only need to do a very quick clean up of other wildlife dung. Signage: Carol R. will take on that responsibility and will make contact with Susan Coopet about the warehousing of the signs. Set Up: needs a chairperson Clean Up: needs a chairperson We are reminded that last year we offered two free raffle tickets to anyone who volunteered to help with the setup and cleanup. Cooking: Sharon offered to look into renting a very large grill for the picnic and will report what she and Monte find. She is still checking on the availability of Mike Carter's grill.

Barb W offered to ask Steve S. to make a couple of birdhouses again this year. One for the raffle and one for a Bingo coverall prize. Barb is also going to plan a date that she and her neighbors can get together at her home to label the poles for the tents to make setting up just a little bit easier. We thank her for that. Mary is going to send out a couple of notices to the SFTR discussion forum. One for volunteers for the open positions mentioned above and one for a request for prizes to be donated for the Bingo game.

Sharon Beaver offered to hostess the June 9 meeting at her home and she will delight all of us with her incredible snacks. We love when Sharon bakes for us. If you have not enjoyed any of her yummy snacks, we encourage you to come and feast and get to know us. We are a great group of women and neighbors. If you have not yet been to the Mt Carmel Health and Wellness Center and would like to meet the new residing doctor, please consider joining us for our May 12 meeting.

Very kindly, Kim Pronovich

Women's Group Meeting May 12, 2012

The meeting was hosted by Carol Smith in her home. Thanks for volunteering after Mt. Carmel cancelled their invitation to meet at their facility. In attendance were Vicki Mumma, Sylvia Crisler, Carol Rankin, Lynne Parker, Carol Smith, Mary Ghormley, Sharon Beaver, Sue Downs and Barb Wurfel. Heroic attempts were made by Nancy Scott and Kim Pronovich but muddy roads made them turn back toward home. Since Kim was not present to take minutes, you are subjected to my mundane writing style based on the notes taken by Carol S.

Mary G summarized her posters and postings thus far asking for volunteers and crafters/vendors for the picnic. We have not received any replies yet. Mary will post again, making a shorter note for the discussion forum as well as items for the bulletin board. She also brought us up to date on fencing off the picnic grounds prior to the arrival of cattle and after the mitigation work is done. We ask the attendees to look for someone who could mow the grounds.

Linda Austin had contacted Barb W about their tent that they loan to us to use as the "food tent" at the picnics. The Austins are selling their tent for \$200. Chuck would supervise putting the tent up at the picnic and someone would need to take notes for future picnics. We would need to buy tent stakes as they are not included with the tent. We discussed that perhaps we could rent the tent to others to help defray cost. A motion was made and seconded to purchase the tent. Motion was passed. Barb will work out details with the Austins.

Barb W and Carol S volunteered to co-chair the set up and clean up committees. Last year we had 15-20 people help with these tasks. We need 8 men to set up the tents. Mary will include this in her communications asking for volunteers. Vicki Mumma volunteered to work the welcome table and Carol R said she would help. Volunteers are also needed for site prep, logo wear sales, raffle sales and traffic control. Mary will ask that volunteers reply by June 7. If we do not have enough help by that date we will have to cancel the picnic. We will give one free raffle ticket to folks that help with site prep, mowing, set up and clean up.

Steve Smith will again donate 2 birdhouses for the picnic this year. One will be for the raffle and one for the Bingo prize. June still plans on doing a quilting project for the raffle. Sue D. will see if the marble board Bob Krause made for us last year is still

available for the raffle. Other possible bingo prizes are note cards, plants and ammo. We are also soliciting any other items that people which to donate.

Barb showed everyone the PDF that Sue Spanner made for our current logo wear items. Sue S sent the file to Pat R and he has added it to the SFTR website. Barb will check with Joan B on the logo wear sign as it will need to be updated before the picnic.

We reviewed the site map of last year's picnic and decided to move the logo wear tent over by the vendor tents. We reviewed table and tent usage and determined that what we had last year worked well. Those that brought tables will bring them again. We will need a table donated to use as the welcome table. We will confirm with Kim that she has a generator to use for the bingo game.

Sharon B and Lynne P agreed to be the contacts for RSVPs for the picnic. The deadline will be Jun 30 which will give them time to purchase the food and supplies. Sue D. will contact Francie for an update on Will Dudley and the port a potty.

We then shifted our focus to welcome kits and discussed the situation of the Gorrells looking for a rental on the ranch while their home is being built.

The next meeting is June 9 at 10:00 at the home of Sharon Beaver, 33330 Cottonwood Canyon (lot B3).

Submitted by: Barbara Wurfel

Santa Fe Trail Ranch Womens Meeting June 16, 2012 Minutes of the meeting

Today's meeting was graciously held at the home of Monte and Sharon Beaver. Once again Sharon proved what a great hostess she is,.. and I think she really loves spoiling us! Monte is a lucky man if she spoils him half as much as she spoils us. Most of the ladies were quite interested in Sharon's lovely walk way filled with mature ground cover and flowers. After a warm spell this week, it was quite refreshing to visit in the cool, fresh, clean mountain air.

Attending the meeting today were: Sue Downs, Lanae Rossi, Francis Pursewell-Montoya, Vicki Mumma, Mary Ghormley, Sylvia Crisler, June Stephens, Carol Rankin, Sharon Beaver and myself.

Our first order of business was to meet and greet one of our beloved property owners, Lanae Rossi. Lanae lives full time in Scottsdale, AZ and comes to the Ranch as often as she is able to get away. Lanae is a great friend of the Krause family and was here for the celebration of Barb Krause's life. Francie brought a thank you note from the Krause family addressed to the Womens Group, thanking us for the tiny little service we helped with for Barbs celebration. Many of our Ranch family attended the service at New Hope Ministry of Trinidad, now located at the Wagon Wheel Saloon. I know, it sounds funny, but until you are present in this building, you will have missed an opportunity to stop and listen to your own still, small voice.

The only business we discussed was our upcoming picnic and a new treasurer.

Mowing – John Parker is going to mow, but he cannot do it until Wed, June 20. Cows started coming today, June 18th. Jerry Withington has very generously offered and erected a fence around our picnic site to keep the cows out until after the picnic. John P can now cut around the fence whenever he is able.

Paint areas on the ground - Kim will buy the paint. It might be helpful to make a couple of copies of the layout, Mary will make copies of the picnic layout available for the set up of the site.

Bring tents & table: Tents – Ernie Parker and Sharon Sorenson will bring tents from Wurfel's barn. Sue will get the logowear and money box at the Wurfel home if Barb and Dave are still way tending to family business. Tables – Guard shack – John Parker and Monte Beaver will get the tables from the guard shack and bring them to the picnic site.

Trash cans & liners: Lynne Parker has the trash cans and liners.

Paperware/plasticware: Sharon and Lynne will include that with their food committee duties.

Signs: Sharon will update the logowear sign. Mary will send her the inventory and prices when they are updated. Small donations requested sign: Kim will make a new one.

Directional signs: Carol Rankin will contact Susan Coopet.

Donation jar – with logowear, Sharon Beaver

Welcome table: Need table to use at Welcome Table. Sharon will bring one. name tags: Sue Downs will count the name tags if Barb Wurfel is not back. Our new monogrammed SFTR pens will be included with our logo wear items.

Bingo game & prizes – Kim has assurance from Leslie Modica that we can use their generator again. Bingo game is reserved and ready for pick up, Kim will contact Lynne to mail a check to the senior center. Kim will receive the Bingo prizes at her home and take and display them at the picnic. Will bring an additional table.

Hand sanitizer 1 – Mary (suggests 1 near food,) the porta-potti will include a sink.
1 – Sharon

Raffle tickets: At the picnic, we will give a raffle ticket to those neighbors who help with preclean, set-up and those who signed up for clean-up. Tickets are with logo wear stuff and will be given out at the picnic.

Shuttle service: Decided 1 is enough, Pronovich vehicle will be available.

Permission to park: – done

Fencing: completed 6/16/12

Bullhorn: Mary

Entertainment: Will Dudley – Confirmed. It was decided that we would like to ask Will to stroll and strum his guitar and after he has eaten perform for the large group under the Bingo tent.

Porta-potti: Arranged- Little Stinker has offered the use of two porta potties/a sink. Francie will invite Melvin and his family to our picnic.

Grills:1. Bob Scott, Pronovichs will bring Francie's large grill

\$200 check payable to Austin's for the tent. Can give it to them at picnic. Kim will contact Lynne Parker for that check as well and ask Lynne to bring it to the picnic. We received a report that Chuck and Linda Austins health issues are resolving and we pray the very best outcome for them.

*Need to buy stakes for tent. Chuck used 16 cement forms stakes that are about 14-16 inches long and have holes in them. Chuck says you can buy them at Trinidad Builders. Francie will check with Chuck and see if he will go with her to assure she buys the right thing.

Raffle: June and Tom Stephens hand crafted a beautiful quilted wall hanging. Steve Smith is donating 2 birdhouses. Bob Krause, marble board, 2 handmade items from Joyce Wolff, a belt buckle made from an elk antler and the belt attached to it from Solanos in Raton, thank you Joyce, Al Tucker, 1 hr of bull hogging, and an amazing 2012 eclipse print taken and reproduced by Ernie Parker. Kim will bag up all of the raffle prizes she collects and Mary will bag up all the items she collects and take them to the picnic. Sharon will create raffle boxes for each item.

Sale table: Because of the generosity of our neighbors, we have decided to open a sale table, this will not include the raffle items or the Bingo prizes.

Logo wear shifts: Francie will co-chair with Barb and will schedule shifts.

*Barb W will make a list of things that need to be done to get logo wear, cookbooks, etc to picnic if she will not be in town.

Oversee set-up: We will all help field questions. Oversee clean-up: RC and Mary

As there are no other vendors this year, we would like to offer John Noard a free space with Greg Beaumont at the fire wise table to sell fire extinguishers. We are waving any donations from John normally asked to have a table.

Francie will be our new treasurer and Lynne will be a second signer. It was suggested that we encourage a third signer to our checkbook. Francie suggested we also extend an invitation to our association picnic to Bob Holder, C.K. Morley, Mark Loveall, we all agreed and she will extend the offers.

Sending cards to hospitalized: Carol S. was not present so we tabled this until next meeting.

This was a very long meeting and we ended the discussion by reopening the discussion of the location and timing of the annual picnic. This was tabled until the months to come.

Lanae Rossi offered her home for our next meeting, August 11.

very kindly, Kim Pronovich

Santa Fe Trail Ranch Women's Meeting August 11, 2012

Today's meeting was held at my home and I'd like to thank the ladies for giving me a great excuse to clean my house. After a couple of really great vacations, the dust had settled and the rugs needed vacuuming. The ladies in attendance were: Sharon Beaver, Barb Wurfel, Joan Beaumont, Francie Purswell-Montoya, June Stephens, Lynne Parker and myself.

We began our meeting enjoying some very simple snacks, coffee and tea. June greatly added to our joy with the news of Tom's well being, we all are very grateful for his good health and adding to our celebration was an arrangement of gladiolas for the table. Thank you again, June.

Barb Wurfel began and led our meeting with a run down of our annual picnic: Approx 80 people attended; logo wear sales were \$644; \$160 in donations; \$215 raffle ticket sales; \$10 vendor fee; \$49 bingo; and \$40 sale table. We also received \$59 in after picnic logo wear sales.

Francie produced and discussed our treasury report, please see attached.

And then, for the benefit of all, we began discussing the picnic. □ Vicki Mumma came up with a way to count heads at the picnic. Everyone who came had a name tag given to them and then we counted the number of tags taken off the sheet. □ June volunteered to be raffle chairperson next year, which is a really great way to start thinking about next year's picnic. She has also set aside her yearly contribution to the raffle; a quilted wall hanging. June also volunteered to be in charge of the sale table. □ The girls ask that we give a shout out to my beloved husband, Mark Pronovich for his timely attendance in helping with the set up. This year he was "our guy" painting the grass for tent set ups, parking and vendors. We gave thank you notes to those that helped with mowing and temporary fencing (John and Lynne Parker and Jerry Withington). □ Lynne and Sharon agreed to be the food committee chairs next year. We all thought that next year we would ask that the blessing be done a little earlier as folks started to eat as soon as they saw the burgers and hot dogs. □ Sharon offered to send a note to Little Stinker for their generous donation of the port-apotties. Melvin, one of the owners of the business, said it was an act of thanks on his part because of all the kind business he receives on this Ranch. We thank him. □ Sharon suggested that in order to attract more bingo players, we move the bingo game into the food tent after everyone has eaten. We all agree that is a good idea. □ We took notes, pictures and

measurements this year which will help with future picnics. We documented where the tables, tents, equipment came from and where it was used. □ We mentioned that we greatly appreciated John Noard's demonstration of fire extinguishers and are very happy that he sold all that he brought. We might ask John if he would like to demonstrate again next year, as a refresher to all of us. □ Again, we discussed moving the date of the picnic. There seemed to be some interest in moving the date to around Memorial Day for a cooler climate and increased

attendance. □ There is a need to purchase additional hardware (washers for the food tent and rope for one of the smaller tents).

The annual POA meeting is Oct 6 in the Pioneer Room at TSJC. Lynne offered to contact the TSJC Sodexo Dining Services, Joanna Yoakam at (719) 846-5629 or email joanna.yoakam@sodexo.com to order coffee and cookies. Barb will let the POA board know that we will again furnish refreshments and sell logo wear. June suggested we make an announcement at POA meeting telling everyone in attendance how and why the Women's Group raises money for the Ranch. There was a question of whether or not we have enough logo wear on hand to sell at the POA meeting and Barb thought we did. We would most love to sell all of our cookbooks in our inventory and so we are considering a sale. We agreed on selling the books for \$8 and get a logo pen for free, otherwise the pens are still a \$1 and the books \$8. June said she would make up a little sale sign for the cookbooks. Barb informed us that Virginia, our logo embroidery vendor, said that she underestimated the cost of embroidery on the camp chairs (because she had to put the logo on both sides) and unfortunately the cost will have to go up. Virginia is considering the purchase of a printer. If she does, we can get a quote for just printing the logo on the back of the chair. Virginia gave us a sample "bling" shirt. The group looked at it and Barb said she would get a quote from Virginia on them and let the group know. If reasonably priced, it would be nice to have them for the POA meeting.

2012 Christmas Dinner party: We discussed changing the location and several thoughts came up on a possible new location. A couple of us agreed to inquire at different locations and bring these items to our next meeting.

We discussed the note cards that we have for sale. We agreed to use them to send notes from the Women's Group as thank yous, thinking of you, etc. Sharon agreed to be our card sender.

I had asked to be relieved of my duties as our group's secretary and our beloved Sharon Beaver offered to take up the service.

We closed the meeting about 12:15 and Francie offered to hostess the next meeting, I offered to bring some goodies and Joan agreeded to be Francie's back up. Our next meeting is Sept 8.

Very kindly, Kim Pronovich

Santa Fe Trail Women's Group Meeting September 8, 2012

Our meeting was hosted by Joan Beaumont. In attendance were Kim Pronovich, Carol Smith, Mary Ghormley, Lynne Parker, Dena Wagner, Barb Wurfel and Joan Beaumont.

We opened our meeting with everyone introducing themselves to Dena and Dena talked about what drew her and her husband, Steve, to our community.

The annual POA meeting was discussed. Lynne has ordered the coffee, tea, hot water and cookies from TSJC. Barb mentioned that the board is aware that we will be providing the refreshments as well as selling logo wear. June Stephens is going to host the refreshment table and she is going to sell the cookbooks/pens from that location. Barb will ask for more volunteers to sell logo wear at the meeting.

Kim and Barb reported on information they gathered for the Christmas Party on Dec 2. We have not heard back from Little Catering Company (Purgatoire on Elm) but do have the information we need from Clubhouse Grill and La Casa. We formed a committee consisting of Kim, Barb and Francie to talk with these restaurants and choose one of them. We lean toward Clubhouse Grill but want to see if we can change the menu to lower the price from \$16.39 per person (includes tip and tax). Mary is going to create a "save the date" flyer and send it to Dena. Dena will print color copies that we can distribute at the annual POA meeting.

Barb brought us up to date with the logo wear. We have ordered 4 bling shirts that will be ready for the annual meeting. Virginia has recently purchased a printer that can print our logo on the back of a camp chair. This should be less expensive than the embroidery since she will not have to do both sides. Virginia said she needed to practice before she will be able to do it for us. We determined that if any of us saw good camp chairs on end of season sale, we should buy two of them in anticipation. We agreed the group would reimburse the purchaser.

The attendees think they are new people who may need a welcome bag. They include Karla and Russ Gorrell on Tall Timber Trace and Rich and Kim Daily on Fishers Peak. Carol S suggested that we include a cookbook in each welcome bag. We decided to table the discussion until the next meeting so that we know how well the books sell at the new price point.

The next meeting will be one week later in the month than usual. It will be on October 20 at 10:00. Barb volunteered to be the host if she is in town – there is a good possibility that she will not be. Kim volunteered to be the back-up if Barb is not here.

Santa Fe Trail Ranch Women's Group October 20, 2012

The SFTR Women's Group met at the home of Nancy Scott on October 20, 2012. Those attending included Sharon Beaver, Sylvia Crisler, Vicki Mumma, Carol Rankin, Nancy Scott, Carol Smith, and June Stephens. Nancy and Carol Smith provided delicious goodies, which the group enjoyed during a time of fellowship and sharing prior to the business of the meeting. Some in the group were unaware that Kim & Mark Pronovich will be moving to Golden soon and all expressed their sadness that Kim will not be with us on a regular basis now and their happiness for the opportunities ahead for her and Mark. In addition, the group shared their sadness that Francie Purswell-Montoya has moved away from the ranch. Both Kim and Francie need to know how much they have meant to the Women's Group!

Barb Wurfel provided a detailed--and much appreciated!-- agenda for the meeting. The main focus for the meeting centered around the Christmas Dinner. Thanks to a lot of background work on Barb's part, most of the preliminary work has been realized. The group needed only to accept her findings and fill in a few details. Christmas Dinner will be at the Clubhouse Grill on Sunday, December 2. There will be a cash bar at 5:00 p.m. and a buffet at 6:00 p.m. The buffet will offer entree choices of roast beef and chicken picado(grilled chicken breasts w/onions, bell peppers, tomatoes and jalapenos), accompanied by oven-roasted potatoes, green beans, garden salad w/dressings and bread and butter. Drinks of water, coffee and iced tea will be included in the price. The cost quoted to Barb was \$12.95 plus tax and 18% gratuity or \$16.34. Those present agreed that it makes good sense to charge an even \$16.50. Those extra cents will help a bit to offset the cost of the dessert, which the Women's Group has traditionally provided. All agreed with June's suggestion that we should order white cake with raspberry filling from Safeway. That will add a Christmas-like touch. Carol Smith will check with Safeway and order the cake once we have an idea of how many will be attending. We will ask for RSVP's by November 21 since we must give a headcount on Friday, November 23. Sharon Beaver and Carol Smith will accept reservations and collect the money ahead of time. Mary Ghormley sent word that she will do the poster and posting on the website. We decided to ask Mary to also put a reminder on the website about the availability of logo wear and/or cookbooks for Christmas presents. Thanks, Mary!

The results of sales at the annual POA meeting were disappointing. Coffee donations were \$48 and logo wear and cookbook sales were \$269 for a grand total of \$313. According to June we sold 9 cookbooks; she sold 6 and Barb reported having sold 3.

There was lengthy discussion about what the group might do to raise funds and save money. The group is asking for all members of the Women's Group to consider the following suggestions as well as to come up with other ideas which we can discuss at the next meeting. ---Since the cost for coffee & cookies at the annual POA meeting is so high, should we approach the POA Board about considering a creative way to help with the expense? Is another venue for the meeting feasible toward reducing that cost? If so, what might that be? ---What should we do with the many cookbooks we still have? Put some in the welcome bags? Reduce the price? ---Are we "logo wear" out? New ideas???

Because of time constraints and so many of us are going to be gone for the holidays, those present decided that the next meeting will be tentatively on January 12, 2013. Nancy assured us that Sue Downs always wants to host the January meeting. Sharon will bring refreshments.

Respectfully Submitted, Sharon Beaver

