

SFTR WOMEN'S GROUP MINUTES--JANUARY 12, 2013

The SFTR Women's Group met at the home of Sue Downs. Those attending included Joan Beaumont, Sharon Beaver, Sue Downs, Mary Ghormley, Lynne Parker, Kim Pronovich, Lanae Rossi, Nancy Scott, Carol Smith, and Barb Wurfel.

Barb began the meeting by sharing a thank you note for the Christmas party from Bill and Maureen Latham, which triggered a discussion about the party itself and next year's party. All who had attended the party agreed that the location and the buffet meal were a real success. Everyone had ample opportunity to mix and to visit in a pleasant, yet festive, atmosphere. The group chose December 8, 2013 for next year's Christmas party. In addition to this year's location, the group will consider Rick Colander's establishment. Price per meal is always a significant factor in the final selection.

Lanae Rossi--our new treasurer--reported a balance of \$3366 as of December 31, 2012. Lynne Parker is the back-up treasurer.

There was a brief discussion about the cost of providing coffee and cookies for the annual meeting of the POA. We received \$48 in donations, but the total cost has become almost prohibitive. There was no firm consensus as to whether or not the Women's Group should continue the practice of providing coffee and cookies or perhaps only coffee--if anything at all.

Because the Women's Group has chosen to be instrumental in hosting both the annual picnic and the Christmas party--in addition to the coffee and cookies at the annual POA meeting--the topic of finances was addressed. Barb expressed the concern that the logo-wear sales of late have not been strong and that perhaps that main source for income is drying up. It was a consensus that newcomers to the ranch will be the main impact on future logo-wear purchases. Sylvia Crisler and Carol Rankin are in charge of welcome bags from the Women's Group and they will have a better pulse on the numbers who are coming to the ranch. If we expect to continue with logo wear as a fund-raiser, we need to decide by the end of March if we want to order more and just what items. The denim shirt, the zippered sweatshirt, and camp chairs with a printed logo on the back were possible items to include in the inventory. Barb will contact Virginia about the cost of the chairs. (Interjected in the discussion, it was decided that the cookbook should be included in the welcome bags.)

Barb challenged everyone to think of what other creative ways that the Women's Group can raise money sufficient enough to continue hosting "social" gatherings for the entire ranch as well as have some funds to help ranch residents who might need help in the future. What followed was a brainstorming session which brought forth several suggestions--some more serious than others--but perhaps feasible nonetheless. A summary of possibilities is as follows: ---Creating a ranch calendar and/or permanent calendar holder which could serve as a sort of "perpetual" calendar. ----Developing some sort of electronic fund-raiser

----Making scarves from T-shirts. Kim and Lanae will create one from the pattern Barb provided by the March meeting. ----Making Christmas ornaments. ----Silent auction of some sort, the logistics of which might be problematic. ----Making kitchen witches, or apron-look covers for dishwashing liquid bottles, or wine bottle covers with our logo, or hand warmers. ----Creating stationery, note cards, post-it notes, etc.--some with ranch theme or logo. Vista Prints is a possible source. ----Graphic tees. One style might read "What happens on the ranch, stays on the ranch." ----Pre-orders for logo wear instead of chance ordering.

The idea of a Christmas-in-July sort of event at the picnic was broached. We could have samples of whatever projects we decide to undertake ready for "inspection" and for pre-orders, which would be ready by the October POA annual meeting.

The group then took a leap of faith and decided to hold the ranch picnic earlier this year. Many have often expressed a desire for a time when the weather is cooler. May 25--and at a later start time-- was chosen. It will always be impossible to find a time amenable to everyone and there are several valid reasons for the earlier date--one being the cooler weather and another being the possibility that the cows will not yet have arrived. The earlier date will necessarily mean that we have A LOT of planning/preparation to do during the upcoming meetings!

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE FEBRUARY 9, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. Sharon Beaver will host (33330 Cottonwood Canyon Drive--Lot B-3) and Lanae Rossi will provide refreshments.

Respectfully Submitted, Sharon Beaver

SANTA FE TRAIL RANCH WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING--- 2/9/13

The SFTR Women's Group met in the home of Sharon Beaver. Those attending included Joan Beaumont, Sharon Beaver, Susan Edholm, Mary Ghormley, Nancy Scott, Lenae Rossi, and Dena Wagner. Kim Pronovich, Carol Smith and Barb Wurfel sent regrets.

Lenae brought a feast, which everyone enjoyed over much significant discussion.

Much of the discussion centered on the topic of the Women's Group finances and the purpose of the Women's Group and the need for money. Nancy Scott shared that the "original" purpose of the first Women's Group had been "to enhance the Ranch" and perhaps to raise money for a community center one day. During the ensuing discussion, those present came to the consensus that they would be more comfortable with a purpose for the Women's Group of a more social nature and having much less emphasis on fund raising. All agreed perhaps our purpose might be better stated "to enhance the fellowship of the SFTR." In that light, all acknowledged that hosting events like the annual picnic and the annual Christmas party, as well as providing coffee and cookies for the annual POA meeting, all cost money and that we need to have some moneymaking projects to continue such opportunities. BUT so much emphasis on fund raising may be a drawback to encouraging more women to participate in the Women's Group more consistently. All agreed that we should be more proactive about sharing why we need any money we choose to raise.

Nancy suggested that we need to establish a yearly budget of sorts so that we could know/anticipate how much we would need to raise for each year. Lenae will go through the financial records and bring to the next meeting an idea of past years' expenses and some ideas for a yearly budget.

The discussion then centered on the responses to Barb's challenge to come up with moneymaking ideas. Lenae shared the scarf she and Kim had made from a T-shirt. It received a mixed review and the group can decide later if such an item might be a possible project. Carol and Barb both had done a lot of work and sent MUCH information about possible money makers, which the group discussed, with the following results: ----A Christmas ornament might be a possibility. Carol sent a sample of one she created and Barb sent information from Virginia about sizes she could create. ----Both Carol and Barb sent information about a perpetual calendar board, which also might be a possible project. But both the ornament and the calendar would be time consuming and may not be cost effective. ----The idea of a Sherpa throw for a silent auction met approval. ----Stationary and/or note cards with various possibilities may be another good idea, but we need to get more definitive information. -----Some kind of raffle could be accomplished at the picnic again.

Susan suggested that we consider a community garage sale with all items being donated by any and all from the Ranch who wish to support such an event. This idea

met with much enthusiasm from those present. It would be very nearly 100% profit and not take too much effort. (Susan

even volunteered to organize such a project.) Mary suggested that any items not purchased could be donated to the Noah's Ark Thrift "Shop just created. We should decide soon what time would be best for the sale and where to hold it. The fire station building is one possibility, and we need to investigate the cost to rent the facility.

It was also brought up that we need to "advertise" the change of date for the picnic so that people will know to adjust their plans for the May 25, 2013 event.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MARCH 9 AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE HOME OF JOAN BEAUMONT, 33171 FISHER PEAK PARKWAY.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Beaver

Santa Fe Trail Ranch Women's Group

Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2013

In attendance this month at the comforting home of Greg and Joan Beaumont were Joan, Barb Wurfel, Mary Ghormley, Lanae Rossi, Carol Smith, Kim Pronovich, Dena Wagner and her house guest visiting from Lincoln, Nebraska, Dorothy Last . Nancy Scott and Sharon Beaver sent their regrets as they were not feeling well.

We firstly talked about our beloved June and Tom Stephens. We continue to pray for peace and wellness in their hearts as in ours for them.

Barb opened the meeting with a question to the group inquiring about the February meeting and the discussion of the role/need of the Women's Group. We discussed many things and threw out some ideas about the causes we could fulfill for the Ranch. Kim Pronovich suggested maybe we could replace the flags at our entrance when the need arises. Barb suggested perhaps we could enhance the sign at the gate with a frame. The group agreed while munching on Joan's cookies and fudge, watching a storm roll in, that we should narrow our focus in our activities and spending.

Lanae then gave the Treasurer's report telling us that we spent \$658 more last year than we took in. We all then agreed that it would be easy to narrow our focus, stick to a budget and plug in with new and creative ideas. We briefly discussed perhaps hosting more social events for the women of the Ranch. Suggestions included visiting Rosemount Castle for the bridal dress display and touring the mansion at Philmont as well as fun activities on the ranch. We long ago thought of touring the ranch as a group with narration by one of our "historians".

We decided to move forward naming committee chairs for the picnic, set at the new May 25th date. We agreed to hold to the same timeline of events as used in previous years.

Area Prep Chairs: The Wagner Family will be this year's chair. Dena will call Rusty to see when the cows are coming and based on that response she will call Jerry Withington to ask about the need for fencing. Mary reminded us that Linda Brown offered to mow the area as needed and Dena will call her. The Wagner's contact phone # is 846.2219.

Food Chairladies: We are hopeful that Sharon Beaver and Lynne Parker are available for the position.

Set Up and Clean Up Chairladies: Carol Smith and Barb Wufel

Publicity and P.R Chairlady: Mary Ghormley who stated she will put a poster at the bulletin board and send a notice to the Ranch website.

Logo Wear Chairladies: Barb, Kim and Lanae. It was agreed that we would have a blow out sale of logo wear this year at the picnic and not purchase any additional items.

Bingo Chairlady: Kim. Kim asked if we could agree to donate only \$40 this year to the H.R. Sayre Center for the use of the Bingo supplies. The group all agreed that was ok. We also decided to limit the number of games played. Kim will collect all donations for the raffle, bingo and sale table and separate them for each table.

Raffle Chairlady: Lanae

Welcome Table: Needs a Chairlady

We discussed and agreed that this year we would not have any vendor tables or invite Will Dudley to perform.

Barb said she would ask Sue Downs to ask Little Stinker about the port a potties. If he again gives them to us at no charge, we all thought a nice little sign at the port a potty site stating who donated the convenience would be a great thing for his business. Otherwise, we will pay the rental fee.

We will ask John Noard if he would like to give a fire extinguisher demonstration and if he has any for resale available. Joan will ask her hubby if he would like to put up a display for FireWise. Barb will contact Steve Smith about donating a bird house for raffle.

We discussed possibly coming together to produce scarves for sale at the annual picnic as one of our social events open to all ladies on the ranch.

Our meeting closed rather quickly due to the great snowstorm headed our way. Dena offered her home on Lot D13 for the site of our next meeting, April 13th. We invite all who are reading these notes to come and visit with us -- we are your neighbors and friends. We mentioned that we took good notes and pictures at the picnic last year and will have time to review at the April meeting.

Very kindly,

Kim Pronovich

Santa Fe Trail Ranch Women's Group Meeting--4-13-13

The SFTR Women's Group met Saturday, April 13, 2013 at the lovely home of Dena Wagner. Those attending included Joan Beaumont, Sharon Beaver, Roxanne Briggs, Sylvia Crisler, Mary Ghormley, Vicki Mumma, Kim Pronovich, Carol Rankin, Lanae Rossi, and Dena Wagner. Lynne Parker sent regrets. Dena provided an absolutely delicious feast and Carol brought a birthday cake in Sylvia's honor and the group extended the celebration to include Joan's and Roxanne's April birthdays. We extend a very warm welcome to Roxanne!!

The main business focus centered upon the May 25 annual picnic. The following items were discussed:

---Dena reported that the cows will not arrive until mid-June. Dena and Steve will head the pre-picnic clean-up of the area on May 4, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. --weather permitting. Dena will be the contact person for any volunteers to help. Linda Brown will mow the area after the clean-up and Kim and Mark will mark locations on the ground the day before the picnic.

---Lynne and Sharon will chair the food. RSVP's should be made to either of them by May 19, 2013. Mark and Monte will cook. Dena will provide a large grill.

---Dena will sell raffle tickets for \$1 each. The group will give one raffle ticket to any who help with set-up/clean-up on THE day as well as for the pre-clean-up activity.

---Roxanne has purchased Al Tucker's mitigation equipment and so generously will donate one hour of bull hogging for the raffle. Dena has offered a fringed horse blanket for the raffle.

---Kim is collecting items for the raffle and for bingo "prizes."

---Carol Rankin will be the contact for the welcome table. Joan volunteered to help her.

---Mary will be the contact person for traffic directors. She will also contact John Noard again about fire extinguishers prior to the picnic.

---The group agreed that the logo wear should be marked up by %10.

If an item is not available at the picnic, one can make a special order.

---All agreed that residents will be asked to leave all pets at home. Non-residents from out of town may tether their pets in a shady area away from the main groups.

Other items of interest included...

---Greg Beaumont has the thistle killer "stuff."

---John Parker is the person to contact if one has questions about reverse 911.

---Sylvia asks that we help her welcome newcomers by getting her the names of any new permanent, full-time residents.

THE MAY MEETING WILL BE AT THE HOME OF KIM PRONOVICH ON MAY 11 AT 10:00 A.M. (33511 Mountain View) Kim will also provide refreshments.

Respectfully Submitted, Sharon Beaver

SFTR WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING MINUTES--MAY 11, 2013

The SFTR Women's Group met May 11, 2013 at the home of Kim Pronovich. Those attending included Sharon Beaver, Roxanne Briggs, Sue Downs, Kim Pronovich, Lenae Rossi, Nancy Scott, and Dena Wagner. Kim treated all to a great fondue mix--the highlight of which was the bacon dipped in chocolate.

All were sorry to learn of the passing of Dave Wurfel's father and extend their condolences to Barb and Dave. Both are so important to the success of the Group and all of us appreciate all they do for us! It was wonderful to have Nancy back among us as well and all wish her a continued solid recovery!

Most of the business items discussed centered upon the upcoming Annual Picnic. Items discussed included the following: ---Dena informed the Group that she and Steve and Carol and Terry Brown had cleared the area of the cow pies. They expect to police the area again the day before the picnic to clear away the deer and elk droppings. THANKS!! ---Carol Rankin and Joan Beaumont are in charge of the welcome table. They should be sure to have enough nametags and to take a count of all who attend. Dena will provide an umbrella with a stand to place over the table. ---Roxanne will provide ATV "taxi" service for any who need it. ---Dena will create a thank- you sign to be placed near the Little Stinker facility. ---Bob Scott will provide a water tank for fire prevention and a grill and the Wagners will also provide a grill. Monte Beaver and Mark Pronovich will again be the chefs, ---Ernie Parker will transport all supplies housed at the Wurfels. --The Beavers will transport the tables from the guard house. --Raffle prizes will include a Steve Smith birdhouse, a massage from Kim Pronovich, one hour of bull hogging from Roxanne Briggs, and a horse print blanket from Dena Wagner. Sharon will make the raffle signs for the bags. --Kim will handle the bingo and sales' table items. ---The ten (10) bingo sessions will take place under the food tent after the meal is complete and the tables have been cleared away.

There is concern that there may not be the numbers in attendance that would make it worth the effort involved. In an earlier meeting, the Group had decided that the bottom

line would be fifty(50). Fewer than that would force cancellation. Those present agreed that the limit should

remain in effect. Sharon will post a strong "encouragement" on The SFTR Discussion Forum for all who expect to attend to make the necessary RSVPs by the May 19, 2013 deadline. She will also place reminder signs at the mailboxes.

RSVPs are to be made to Sharon Beaver or Lynne Parker, who are handling the foods. If they do not receive the necessary number of reservations by the posted deadline, they will post cancellation notice on the website and at the mailboxes. They will notify Sue Downs ASAP so that she can cancel Little Stinker immediately. Women's Group members will receive an e-mail to that effect as well.

There was no decision about when or where for the next meeting. There was mention that Rosemont is having a wedding display in June and some are planning to visit. If any are interested in going, they can contact Kim for more information.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Beaver

MINUTES FOR SFTR WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING AUGUST 10, 2013

Dena Wagner hosted the August 10, 2013 meeting and provided delicious goodies. Those attending included Joan Beaumont and her guest and future resident Kathy Eppens, Sharon Beaver, Mary Ghormley, Lynne Parker, Kim Pronovich, Lanae Rossi, Nancy Scott, Carol Smith, Dena Wagner, and Barb Wurfel.

Barb opened the meeting with an update about Sue Down's health. Everyone sends best wishes to Sue as she continues with treatments and the acknowledgment that everyone misses her!

Other matters included the following: ----The reviews from the annual picnic held this year in May were overwhelming in approval and the consensus was to hold the picnic next year during that same timeframe. This year brought in a profit for which all are grateful. In evaluation of the process, it was decided that people volunteer sans the need to offer a raffle ticket to those who volunteer with the various activities in coordinating and setting up for the event. The suggestion was made that the ATV shuttle "service" should be more obvious to those attending. Perhaps a sign announcing the availability is appropriate. It will be more helpful for obtaining a head count for the event if the entrance/check-in area be made more obvious as well.

----The group decided that logo wear should be sold at cost + 10%, pens at 50 cents, and cookbooks at 5 dollars. Joan, Lanae, Carol and Dena will help Barb with the sales at the Annual POA Meeting, which realizes a change in venue and date this year. That meeting will be September 21, 2013 at the Massari. Because of confusing issues about food and drink at the venue, the consensus was that the Women's Group not provide for coffee and cookies this year. ----After much discussion the group decided that the Women's Group should host the annual Christmas party for the ranch on December 8, 2013. Mary will prepare a save-this-date flyer to be ready to hand out at the POA meeting. Barb will contact Purgatoire on Elm and Kim will contact the Club House Grill to discover what they can offer for such a gathering. All are encouraged to investigate other venues that might be a possibility and convey their findings to Barb ASAP. Once Barb has the information, she will contact all group members who are to answer with their choice. Thus the September meeting will be via e-mail or phone. -----Nancy shared a concern that the Fishers Peak Fire Department and its auxiliary always need help in raising funds. Nancy will channel any information she receives about their needs to the group and any who are interested in responding may do so at their own volition. Those present did agree that it might be a good thing to "sponsor" a fire preparedness and/or fire spotting training session for any who might be interested.

Such a session would necessarily be held during the off season. Mary will contact Ed Gieske for more information.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Joan Beaumont (33171 Fisher Peak Parkway) on October 12, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Sharon Beaver

SFTR WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING

OCTOBER 12, 2013

Joan Beaumont hosted the October 12, 2013 meeting. In addition to Joan, those attending included Sharon Beaver, Sylvia Crisler, Mary Ghormley, Vicki Mumma, Lynne Parker, Kim Pronovich, Lanae Rossi, June Stephens, Dena Wagner, and Barb Wurfel. Carol Smith sent regrets.

Barb opened the meeting with an update about Sue Down's who had just finished her second to last chemo treatment and is doing well. She expects to leave for Hawaii as soon as she is released by her doctor.

Other items discussed included the following:

---Barb and Mary reported that Edward Gieske is willing to provide a smoke spotters for fire preparedness session which the Women's Group will organize sometime in early spring 2014.

---Barb shared that the sales at the POA meeting netted \$278. What remains in the inventory is mostly clothes and all agreed that there is no need to order anything further.

---Lanae reported that the treasury has a balance of \$2475.29.

---The Club House Grill will be the site for the December 8, 2013 Ranch Christmas Party. The menu will be the same buffet as last year's as will the cost of \$16.50, which includes tax and gratuity. All endorsed the idea of the same cake as last year and Carol Smith will order and pick it up. Carol will provide table decoration and Sharon the name tags. Kim will assist them in setting up tables for eight (8) that evening. Gathering time will begin at 5:00 p.m. and the meal will begin at 6:00 p.m. Mary will handle the publicity. RSVP's must be made by December 1, 2013 to either Sharon Beaver or Dena Wagner with payments to them by that date. Checks should be made to SFTR Women's Group. Sharon will convey the number of reservations to Kim who will notify the Grill. There needs to be at least thirty (30) attending. Lanae will make sure Sharon has a check for restaurant.

---Since most people really liked this year's picnic date, those present decided on May 31, 2014 for next year's event.

----Sylvia expressed a need to "retire" from delivering welcome packets to new full-time residents. Lanae volunteered to take over and Sylvia will "train" her for the average of three to four deliveries a year.

---June showed samples of her wares and invited everyone to attend the Willow Springs Quilt Guild Bazaar at the Raton Presbyterian Church on November 9, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.--perhaps after the NEXT MEETING ON NOVEMBER 9, 2013 AT THE HOME OF CAROL SMITH.

Respectfully Submitted by Sharon Beaver

MINUTES FOR SFTR WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING

NOVEMBER 9, 2013

Carol Smith hosted the November 9, 2013 meeting and provided delightful and tasty treats. Those attending included Joan Beaumont, Sharon Beaver, Sue Downs, Mary Ghormely, Kim Pronovich, Lanae Rossi, Carol Smith, and Barb Wurfel.

It was good to have Sue among us again, but she will be leaving for Hawaii December 7. Everyone wishes her bon voyage and increasing better health!

Items discussed included the following:

--Mary shared that she thinks the fire station may well be adequate for a smoke spotters' program. It might be helpful to provide a sheet of tips about fire preparedness and evacuation to those who attend as well.

--The treasury has a balance of \$2475.29.

--Carol and Kim have decorations for the Christmas party tables and enlisted the help of all who were there to finish the cutting needed.

--Carol will MC the evening and has trivia questions for each table.

--It was noted that if enough people do not RSVP, the reservation for thirty would necessarily have to be honored and the Women's Group would be obligated to make up the difference.

--Lanae will need to take a Welcome Packet to Joe and Leslie Modica.

--Barb reminded all that the annual picnic is scheduled for May 31, 2014 and that she will be out of the country.

--There was mention that perhaps the Women's Group provide cookies at the next annual POA meeting but there be fewer cookies ordered.

There will be no meeting in December and several of the "regulars" are unsure of their schedules for January. Sharon Beaver will host a meeting on January 11, 2014 if there are enough who can attend to merit a meeting. If it is canceled, she will host the meeting in February--date TBA.

Respectfully Submitted by Sharon Beaver