

## **SFTR Women's Group Meeting Minutes** **September 18,2021**

The SFTR Women's Group met at the MOC building at 10:00 am. Present included Barb Wurfel, Shannon Youngquist, Heidi Frazier, Lori Clark, Nancy Scott, Tracy Braddock, Marva Craig, Cindi Hamilton, Harriet Vaugeois, Maureen Latham, Claudia Henning, Mary Ghormley, Sue Downs, and Carol Smith. Sending regrets were Deb Johnson, Pat Nash, and Mary Bishop.

### Annual Meeting on October 2:

- Carol Smith will give the Women's Group report during the meeting.
- Various women have volunteered to bring cookies and we shall have coffee, tea and water available as well. Any leftover cookies will be donated to the Ditch Rats.
- Shannon will have some logowear displayed for purchase. She will also be ordering new styles of t-shirts to offer, although they will not be ready in time for the meeting. Shannon will create a "Save the Date" handout about the fall dinner to be handed out at the Annual Meeting. She has also placed a few save the date notices already at the mailbox bulletin board and the MOC bulletin board.

### Fall Dinner on November 6:

- Nancy, Tracy, and Claudia met with Mario and Sara Rios of "Sara's Concessions" in Trinidad, who own a catering business. Samples of chicken enchiladas, beans, sopapilla, sauce, and an Italian pasta dish were brought to the meeting for attendees to try... It was agreed, after hearing reports from them about costs per person and quantities, as well as comparison costs to Nana and Nano's, that the "tasting group" will ask whether we could substitute salad for the sopapillas. The cost quoted from them at this point is \$15pp. They will also get the cost of having the couple serve the meal. All agreed that the samples of food provided were tasty (except the sopapillas, which may be that they were no longer warm.) And it would be nice to have the optional choice for those who do not like Mexican. The group of three will report back once they have questions and costs confirmed.
- We also discussed the options for dessert that were provided by Julie Loudon. Although choices Julie provided as options all sounded good, Mary will ask her the quantities per person for our choices of Congo Squares, and White Chocolate Pumpkin Snickerdoodles (our two choices that we voted on). The Women's Group will pick up the cost of the dessert.
- Carol, Lori and Maureen will get together at some point to take inventory of decorations, tableware, table coverings, and will come up with entertainment (game/trivia/etc - sorry, not pole dancing!)
- Tracy will be taking RSVPs once costs are decided.

### Halloween Party:

- Maureen proposed the idea to host a Halloween Party for residents at the MOC on Sunday, October 31. This was enthusiastically met with "yes" votes, and Maureen will

keep us updated with information. The WG will provide some money for prizes to give out. The MOC has been scheduled for this event.

#### Christmas Lights around the ranch:

- Maureen and Claudia bought 8 strings of solar powered white Christmas lights (33 ft long each) and presented the idea of putting them up in various visible places on the ranch where they can be seen. A map was shown of possible intersections to use. This was accepted as a great idea and will be talked about further after the fall dinner.

#### Other business:

- The birds have discovered they can somewhat roost on the lower sides of the main beam of the MOC outside long enough to make a mess on the concrete. It was voted to order two 60 ft bird spike sets to glue on these areas, as the spikes placed earlier really seemed to help until this new discovery. Cost will be approximately \$60 each plus glue. Carol and Maureen will coordinate with the order. \*Maureen has ordered
- Meet and Greet on Mondays 10-11 am has been a wonderful opportunity for new residents as well as those neighbors who wish to visit the library, do a puzzle or chat. It will continue at this point but we do need more volunteers to sign up to be the greeter. It entails unlocking the center, greet and meet others, and lock it up afterwards (ensuring the coffee maker is turned off, etc.). If you are willing and able to help out here, please contact Claudia Henning!
- There has also been put forth to have an occasional meet and greet at the MOC during an evening or weekend, especially for those working during the week. If you would like to help with hosting this, contact Carol Smith.
- A reminder was put forth that any time you need to use the MOC for a ranch activity or meeting (book club, game night, committee meeting, etc.) you must schedule it first with Nancy Allred to make sure there is not a conflict. The group scheduling must also do the clean up afterwards. Again, the building can only be used for ranch residents (not outsiders) at this time..
- Reminder we have a basketball hoop up for residents to use. Until we get a bear proof container to leave outside for the basketballs, you must bring your own, or contact Carol Smith to have access to the ones we have now.
- Residents are encouraged to use the website for info on ongoing and special activities of the Ranch. They also are encouraged to update their personal information, especially email addresses on their profile so they can be contacted.
- The Communications Committee will be constructing an area on the website for FAQ. The Welcome committee of the WG will be contributing to this possibly as well. The WG will also be giving a statement of who we are and what we do to be added to the website under our "groups" info.
- While we used to meet in various homes for our meetings, we have been meeting at the MOC since the building is available. We discussed pros and cons. For now we shall continue WG meetings at the MOC but on occasion may meet in homes. Any changes will be given at meeting reminders.

- Treasurer's report from Nancy Scott: checking balance is \$4503.24 and \$100 in cash box.
- The Ditch Rats have expressed their thanks for our support to them through the donated cookies and lunches and words of appreciation. If anyone would like to be added to the 'Ditch Rat Lunch Bunch' email list, contact Carol Smith. When a request comes in, an email is sent out to the list and anyone who is willing and able to provide a lunch replies at that time.

Next Meeting is scheduled for October 9 at 10 am at the MOC - hope to see you then!

- Submitted by Carol Smith