

## **Women's Group Meeting Minutes July 8, 2023**

Our meeting began at 10:00 am at the MOC. Those in attendance were Maureen Latham, Nancy Scott, Sue Downs, Claudia Henning, Toni Moore, Shannon Debord, Lynne Parker, and Carol Smith.

After general sharing and visiting, we began the meeting reviewing the annual SFTR picnic held last week. It was considered a great success as we had about 88 persons in attendance, several newer residents, and all seemed to enjoy mingling and getting acquainted with others.

Financially, Darla wrote a report for our review, including raffle sales of \$1,068 and logowear sales of \$662. We also were given a \$100 donation from Topar. The Total income since last meeting is \$1,856 and total expenses \$1,185.67, which include buying pickleball set for the MOC, logowear, and welcome totes, as well as supplies for the MOC and picnic.

The raffle was exciting with lots of great offerings. There was discussion as to whether things should be done differently next year as far as picking winners - should we put all tickets in one place for drawing; should there only be one winning per person; should we do silent auction on all or some items instead; etc. Some of these ideas are tabled for next spring discussion, but most thought the way we do things now is the best, but perhaps having a few items being silent auctions, but not all.

Mary Ghormley thanked us for the plaque given to them at the picnic. Shannon Debord shared the wonderful video she made as a tribute to the Ghormleys, which was given high praise from those at the meeting! This will be sent to them as well. RC and Mary have been wonderful neighbors to all since they moved here in 1996 and will be greatly missed when they leave.

The Fall dinner was next on the agenda. It was decided to hold it at the MOC on November 4, 2023. Discussion about caterers ended with Shannon D. and Claudia H. agreeing to check that date with Jay Gonzales of Las Animas Grill for his availability and for possible menus and prices. Claudia will also check prices and ideas for a specialty cake for dessert. The Women thought that we could provide appetizers... The theme of the dinner this year will be "Road Trip", which will center around places we have come from - been born - cars - travel, etc. More details will follow during sharing ideas at the August meeting.

Our meeting concluded with assisting writing thank you notes to those who contributed items to the picnic raffle.

The next meeting will be the 3rd Saturday in August, on the 19th.