

Women's Group Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2023
MOC 10:00 am

In attendance were Sue Downs, Lori Clark, Joni Lerner English, Lynne Parker, Barb Wurfel, Cyndi Hamilton, Carol Rankin, Nancy Scott, Maryanne Coelln, and Carol Smith

Fall Dinner:

Thanks to all who helped in many various ways for the Annual Dinner held Nov 4th!!! It was a great success and enjoyed by those who were able to attend. Discussion centered around the feedback and what to think about for next year. General thoughts were the food was excellent; we need to be firm with the RSVP dates and payment; the amount of persons (55) seemed like a good number for the ease of talking and not being as crowded as it was last year with around 80 attendees; the conflict this year with it being the same day as the Fire Dept. dinner fundraiser was unavoidable but we will try to work with that group for next year's date; themes for the dinners are a nice idea; there should be a covering on the floor under the food tables next year to protect the rugs (this year had to have extra spot cleaning afterwards for grease and food spills); the overhead slide show was fun to have and the work done by John Gerald was appreciated. (next year we hope the slides can be on both front and back screens if we do that idea again).

The group suggests the cost of \$30 pp should be the highest cost pp in the foreseeable future. Carol will get reports from Darla and Claudia as to how the cost of the dinner from those attending compared to the costs of the supplies and food. (Las Animas Grill catering and food, plates, silverware, cupcakes, appetizers, tablecloths, reusable appetizer plates, material for some of the decorations, etc.)

The group decided to give John Gerald a thank you note and gift card from the Women's Group for his work and time in putting the slide show together. A card was signed by all, and Carol S. will get the gift card to enclose for him.

Christmas Brunch:

The discussion centered around what we would like to do for our December meeting time - a brunch at the MOC, going out to eat either in Trinidad, Walsenburg, or Pueblo, etc. Several ideas were presented but since we would need to make reservations somewhere soon and the weather may be a factor, the consensus was to stay on the ranch and Joni volunteered her home for the brunch, as she will have it decorated for Christmas and has enough room and chairs to accommodate us. Thank you Joni!!!

*It will be a potluck brunch and optional gift exchange (no more than \$20 value).

*Joni's home is lot B52, 33039 Antelope Run.

*We will begin at 10:30am that Saturday, December 9th.

Christmas Lights:

The past few years we have set up solar powered lights at various places on the ranch. The locations suggested are: (and those who signed up already):

1. Guard Shack = **Joni Lerner English**
2. Little Bear/Oak Park- **Lori Clark**
3. Cottonwood/Mountain View-
4. MOC-
5. Timber Park/Fishers Peak-
6. Mountain View/Tall Oaks-**Pat/Barb**
7. Gallinas/Fisher Peak -
8. Fisher's Peak/Alpine Meadows-
9. Cottonwood/Elk Park -
10. Fisher's Peak/Old Mission Ridge -
11. Fishers Peak and Cottonwood

(**Cindi Hamilton** will do one of the areas on Fishers Peak south of the Gallinas intersection)

As you can see we have several spots not yet taken (although not all need to be taken), and 6 strands of lights still available (as well as some garland if you wish to use). Let Carol Smith know if you like to be responsible for any of the spots.

They could be placed on a small bush, tree, road sign pole, etc. With some spots having been recently mitigated close to the roads, we may need to be flexible as to where to place the lights.

The lights should be placed after Thanksgiving, before December if possible, and removed soon after New Years Day.

Other:

Lori said the library book space is pretty full and so she is concentrating on hard covers for the shelving at this time. She will move some of the local area and ranch info to a different shelving near the puzzles which is not currently being used, to open up some new spaces for books. We thank her for keeping that up so well!

Next Meeting will be the Christmas Brunch on December 9th at 10:30 at Joni's. Hope to see you there.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!!!

