

Minutes: 2/13/23 Member Meeting Fortuna Tierra

Meeting Site: Home of Ronna Edgett-Underwood, 803 Pine Drive

Members present: Ronna Edgett-Underwood, Julie Huun, Sue Wiens, Eve Becker-Doyle, Linda Mogetz, Mary Ann Guilinger, Alissa Crandall, Wendy Fenner, Diane Spooner, Irene Stith, Claudia Wolff, Antoinette Enders, and Ellen Latham

Ronna called the meeting to order at 11:05 am and thanked Antoinette, Diane, Eve and Linda for the delicious food and beverages and for helping to host.

Good News: Diane encouraged members to attend the exhibit and fundraiser for Valentine's Day at 610 Gallery. Eve shared that her son is getting married this summer.

Roll Call: Julie shared that 14 Members were present and no guests were present.

Election of Vice President and Secretary: The nomination of Linda Mogetz to continue a second two-year term as Vice President was approved by acclamation as was the nomination of Julie Huun to serve her first two-year term as secretary. Ronna thanked Eve for serving as secretary for the past 2 years.

Minutes Approval: Ronna motioned, and Wendy seconded the approval of the minutes from the last meeting of the membership on August 8, 2022. Those minutes were provided to the membership via e-mail.

Budget Discussion: Ronna shared the budget in the absence of Vonnie, our treasurer, and noted that the Log Hill Hustle brought in less money due to decreased fundraising rather than a large decrease in runners which was further discussed under Fundraising. Dues were collected from members and Irene reminded the membership that dues are waived for those who have served over 20 years.

A question was raised about interest rates for our two investments (Shotwell and general fund) and it was noted that Vonnie was looking into the best way to proceed given that we want to maximize interest, but also be able to access the Shotwell funds. The Shotwell CD is coming due. As a reminder to the membership, Irene shared that the Shotwell donation was a onetime \$45,000 single-donor contribution. The top scholarship recipient (regarded as most worthy of special recognition) has traditionally been given the named Shotwell scholarship.

Irene also shared that she has the archived hard copy records for the club at her house and Julie said she would bring the older secretary's notebooks to the next meeting for Irene to add to the archives. All more current records are kept on the website. The 2023 proposed budget line item for the fundraiser is set at \$10,000. This reflects the decrease in actual revenue for the 2022 fundraiser which raised \$10,885. A question was raised as to whether we spend more than we bring in annually. Ronna explained that we do spend more than we bring in because we use the Shotwell money in addition to our annual revenue. It was noted that we may have more scholarship applicants this year because RSS is anticipating 36 graduates.

Eve moved and Sue seconded the approval of the 2023 budget as proposed. The vote was unanimous.

Fundraising Committee: Ronna started a discussion about whether we should continue with the Fun Run or entertain another idea for a fundraiser. She shared that Eve did extensive research on

hosting a home tour which the club has done before. Eve explained that she would propose sponsors for a Mother's Day home tour to increase revenue equal to or greater than the Fun Run. One positive attribute to hosting a home tour was noted, namely, that it might bring in a demographic of newcomers to the area. It was also pointed out that artists' homes and even musicians' homes could be featured and even possibly the new artist residential community housing next to Kate's Place. One negative was that it does not pull in students and teachers in the same way that the Fun Run does. It was also noted that at this point, it may come as a surprise to the community if we don't host the Fun Run. One problem with the Fun Run was that the majority of planning fell upon a couple of members and the group agreed that if we continue with the run or even the home tour, there needs to be more subcommittee volunteers.

Given the tie to the student community and community expectations, it was decided by acclamation that we continue to host the 2023 Fun Run. In a follow-up to the point that sponsorship was down, Wendy suggested that we have an increased social media presence which prompted a discussion of how to better promote the run. The notion of allowing dogs for the run and electing an honorary dog "mayor" was proposed with group excitement for the possibility of community interest in a canine campaign for "Mayor of the Mesa." This idea generated a lot of enthusiasm among club members. Mary Ann will contact Paul Stashick at the Divide to make sure that he has no objections to having dogs on the property during the event.

We reviewed the subcommittees outlined by Mary Ann and the members present volunteered for specific duties. Each subcommittee will recruit other members to help with specific duties in the near future.

Philanthropic Committee: Kathy Heinrichs and Sue Wiens will continue for 2023 and do not feel that a third person is needed on this committee.

Compassion Committee: Vonnie purchased postage stamps as a gift from FTC for Lil Fredricksen after her husband Larry passed away in December.

February Birthdays: Roze Evans 2/3, Wendy Fenner 2/6, Alissa Crandall 2/21, Chris Blumke 2/23, Sandy McLaughlin 2/26

Calendar for upcoming 2023 meetings: The group considered several options for our social events this year and voted upon the following:

April 10th—Delta Museum and luncheon at the Grove in Delta

June 12th—Walk and luncheon at Elk Mountain Resort

August 14th—Business meeting to finalize preparation for the Fun Run (who would like to host this meeting?)

August 27th—FUN RUN!

October 9th—Montrose County Historical Museum and luncheon at Trattoria di Sofia

December 11th—Holiday Party

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:30 pm.