

## **FORTUNA TIERRA CLUB MINUTES**

March 11, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m., at the home of Nancy Meyers. Co-president Sue Wiens presided.

Co-president Mary Miller was absent. Sue began by reading a comment about the time change and Benjamin Franklin.

**Good News:** Many members reported having good to great news. Nancy Meyers wanted to thank all members who helped her with meals while she recovered from her serious accident while traveling in Germany. Rena Gunn will be getting her new puppy soon; Lois Carr is getting a new short-haired Persian cat; Shelly Bennett's granddaughters made the Dean's List at their respective colleges and both seem to be doing very well. Sue's nephew is improving from his accident. Roze Evans is traveling in Death Valley, which personally sounds scary. We hope she is having a great time hiking.

**Roll Call:** There were 17 members present and three guests were present and decided to join: Mary Ann Guilinger, Eve Becker-Doyle and Donna Jones for a total of 20 members present.

**Minutes:** Sue Wiens stated that we need to officially change our club procedures to reflect the change of status to our fundraising committee. On a motion made by Irene Stith to amend our procedures to have co-chairs for our fundraising committee, seconded by Barbara Piper the amendment passed. On a motion made by Kathy Heinrich, seconded by Barbara Piper, the minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Laureen Kraft read the Treasurer's Report. The ending bank balances as of February 28, 2013, Checking: \$2,287.81; Savings: \$10,026.42; 4-year CD - \$30,000.00, for total funds of \$42,314.03; Allocated funds: Emergency Fund - \$5,000.00; net available funds: \$37,314.03. Laureen has received \$660.00 in membership dues which reflects 87% members paid. On a motion made by Pat Montgomery, seconded by Kathy McLallen, the report was accepted as presented.

**Secretary's Report and Correspondence:** None

**Committee Reports:**

**Newsletter and Member Book:** Nancy Meyers deferred to Roze Evans and Rena Gunn for the club's new website for minutes, newsletter and other pertinent club information.

**Club Operations:** No report

**Compassion Committee:** Lil Fredericksen was absent, but Rena mentioned that Cher Mitton's brother and brother-in-law are terminally ill. Kathy McLallen commented that Sybil Hallmark has recently experienced similar losses with a brother-in-law and a brother which has kept her in Texas..

**Fundraising Committee:** Sue announced that Pat Montgomery will serve as co-chair for the golf tournament fundraising event in July. Sue said she had the name of a member who might also serve as a co-chair of the fundraising committee, but due to that person's absence, she declined to announce who will be co-chair for the 4-H craft bazaar we will participate in later this year.

**Philanthropic Committee:** Stephanie Gregory announced that her committee members are Evelyn Ardoin, Ann Larivee and Tamora Thomas, all former teachers. Stephanie outlined the scholarships and the respective amounts funded as follows: Divide Ranch & Club Women's Golf Association Scholarship is valued at \$2,000; Fortuna Tierra Club's Founders Scholarship is valued at \$2,000; the Richard Shotwell Memorial Scholarship is valued at \$2,000; the FTC Scholarship is valued at \$1,000 and the FTC Continuing Education Scholarship is valued at \$1,000 for a total of scholarship awards of \$8,000. Stephanie will meet with school counselor, Rick

Williams later next month, allowing us the opportunity to change scholarship award values to be given at our May meeting. Old Business: Sue mentioned that Lil would be looking into the idea of a table banner for FTC events and hopes to be able to report to the membership next month. April's meeting will be held at the Delta Garden Center. Sue passed around a sign up sheet for members to select meal choices . She stated each meal will cost \$13 per person and will include taxes and tip. She and Peggy Spindler are working on a hike for members to take before the luncheon and presentation at the garden center. Sue encourages members to carpool. There will be a very brief meeting for members. Rena Gunn gave us a wonderful update and demonstration on our new website she and Roze have created for our club. To access our website, go to: [www.fortunatierra.com](http://www.fortunatierra.com). Members discussed other items to be made available at the new website for the convenience of our membership. Replacing the yearly cost of \$200 for our hardcopies of the membership book, the website will cost us \$138 this year. The domain name cost \$99 and the other cost to start up was \$39. Other old business discussed was from the brainstorming session that visions a new committee known as the Social Committee which would encourage members to start up additional activities for members. Ideas are: Book Club; Craft Club; Dinner Group; Hiking Club; Bridge Club. Sue has asked for volunteers to start this committee.

**New Business:** Sue read a letter from Dick Kreutzen outlining emergency evacuations on the mesa. His previous discussions stated that FTC's role would involve processing evacuees, getting their contact information, and helping with food and beverages at least for the first hours of the evacuation. There will be an evacuation drill on Saturday, May 18th that will include FTC to test the alert system. Sue encouraged all who will be in town to participate in the drill. Barbara Piper asked about the status of the Teddy Bear/Blanket program. Nancy gave a brief update of the obstacles she has faced trying to implement this program with local law enforcement and emergency responders.

March Birthdays and Anniversaries were read.  
Sue reminded members of the book exchange. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Watson, Secretary