

Women's Group Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2022 10:am

Our March Meeting began with coffee and St Patrick's day snacks as we caught up with each other. A new resident, Joni Lerner, introduced herself and was welcomed by all. In attendance were Joni, Harriet Vaugeois, Carol Rankin, Lori Clark, Darla Tollefson, Mary Bishop, Shannon Youngquist, Lynne Parker, Sue Richter, and Carol Smith. Mary Ghormley, Nancy Scott, Barb Wurfel, Amanda Korth, Claudia Henning, Cyndi Hamilton, and Maureen Latham sent regrets.

Noted was the "new" bookcase for the games/puzzle area donated by Larry and Linda Brown. We are still keeping eyes out for one tall and one short bookcase to complete the library area. Lori has done a great job with the library! She proposed putting up a rotation of art pieces and art pictures created by various property owners to display around the library area, which we thought is a great idea. Possibly hanging some quilts could be considered as well.

A Morley hand drawn map has been donated and Carol S will create a frame for it to hang in the hallway of the MOC perhaps with the other Morley pictures. It was asked if it could be printed and laminated for possible sale before mounting, which Carol will look into getting permission and see if it is feasible once Mary G brings it to her.

Sue Richter reminded all about the upcoming art show, and brought one of her paintings to show. The art show will be March 26-27, 2-7pm at Sue's home on Vista West, and is open to all SFTR owners. Lisa Jenkins and Amanda Korth will have some of their art displayed for sale as well at Sue's home. Invite ranch neighbors to join you!

We have one speaker program at this point that the WG will be sponsoring. Carol Rawle will be giving a presentation about "Noxious Weeds" on May 14th at 10 am at the MOC. There will also be sign ups for areas needing sprayed around common areas of the Ranch and there will be herbicide and sprayers and instruction available. Women's Group will provide cookies and coffee/tea.

Other possible speakers were discussed with ideas presented. Amanda Korth has collected a few ideas from a survey she did - possibilities are : Darla Tollefson teaching a dance class/classes; Ernie Parker/astronomy; Tim Nash/firearms; Carol Rawle/chickens; Amanda Korth/art history, acrylic "pouring" art; Lynne and Pat Nash/quilting; Bob Dye/greenhouses; speakers to talk of history of the local area or history subjects in general (Joe Modica's name mentioned for some of this); geology of the area; etc. Keep up the ideas and we will see if we can get some of these programs scheduled.

Cynthia Hamilton has announced a "game night" at the MOC for March 28th (Monday) at 4 pm. Look for more information on the website and ND. We have been given some games to keep at the MOC, but for game night, favorites can also be brought. It is noted we could use some decks of cards to be kept at the MOC - next time someone thinks about it when at the Dollar

Tree or somewhere. (A shout out of thanks to Russ and Karla Gorrell for the many new games they donated recently!)

The summer annual picnic was discussed briefly, with more assignments and needs to be added at later meetings. It was decided to have the **picnic on Saturday, July 2nd from 11 am - 2 pm**. Shannon will create the "save the date" flyers and info, probably in April, and later do more detailed flyers closer to the date...Lori and Cyndi have volunteered to help with the food table area...Shannon will get volunteers closer to the date for logowear.

The one area we need a chair for is the "Raffle". If anyone is interested, please contact Carol Smith (csmith2621@gmail.com) for more details. Mary Bishop is willing to help, but not be chair. We did discuss having less raffle items than last year (we had 38 total, which seemed an over abundance). Possibly sending out requests with a notation that we want a variety so no close duplicates, and ask for pictures of items for donation, etc... If you are interested in chairing this committee, Carol or Mary Bishop can reiterate some of the discussion and explain how it has been done in past years.

Darla reported a balance of \$3,601.93 in the bank account. We again thanked her for taking this treasurer position on for us, assisted by Mary Bishop.

Carol Rawle stopped by with some of her overabundance of organic eggs to sell, and we closed the meeting at 11:15, and enjoyed visiting for a while afterwards.

Next meeting will be Saturday, April 9, at 10:00 am at the MOC.

- Carol Smith for the Women's Group

SFTR Women's Group Meeting Minutes
MaY 21, 2022 10:00 am at MOC

The May WG meeting had a nice attendance and we welcomed two new neighbors who joined us. Those in attendance were Carol Smith, Sue Richter, Carmen Richards, Mary Bishop, Nancy Scott, Joni English, Claudia Henning, Lynne Parker, Kristi Lancaster, Carol Rankin, Cyndi Hamilton, Lori Clark, Maureen Latham, Shannon Youngquist, and Darla Tollefson. Sending regrets were Barb Wurfel, Maryanne Coelln, Mary Ghormley, Sue Downs.

First order of business was discussing **picnic plans** and the signup sheet was passed around. It was agreed the WG would provide all the plasticware and paper plates, as well as ice water. Carol Smith will confirm we shall have the microphone and amp available for any speaker needs when outdoor; Cyndi's husband Scott has agreed to set up games, and ideas were discussed from past picnics with Cyndi; the sign made last year to be located at the bridge guard shack will be put up again mid June; raffle items were discussed with Carmen before the meeting began and inventory taken as to ticket and bag supplies and layout of past picnic; Carmen will be obtaining gift cards from local businesses and will also take some donations of items from ranch persons but will be limiting the amount of total raffle items accepted - please see her with questions. She noted that there may be a raffle late this year to benefit the Fisher Peak Fire Department and perhaps some extra items may be saved for that purpose if okayed by donor; It will be announced in several ways to remind persons to take home any leftovers so clean up crew does not have to worry about them; Shannon will be creating the flier in next few days so we can have them for the POA Board Meeting June 4 and can put it on website and bulletin board; Anyone willing to help Shannon at the logowear sales, please let her know so she can create lists for times of helpers; RC has agreed to help with parking that am but would like helpers;

The recent Noxious Weeds program was well received by those attending - thanks go out to those women who donated cookies (some leftovers enjoyed today!). Thank you cards were sent to Carol Rawle and Donna Albertson. Carol Smith will see if we can have more of the Noxious weeds booklets that Donna brought, since we ran out at the program. It is noted that Carol Rawle has donated a box of laminated local plants for anyone to compare what you found on the ranch to her pictures and information for identification. The box will make its home at the MOC library area...More signups are needed for common area/road edges spraying. The list will be at the POA June meeting and then in the MOC. Check the website for more information about the weed spraying and contacts for herbicide.

The two large tents we used to use on the Gallinas picnic grounds for logowear and bingo will be moved from the Beaver's shed to the Metro Supplies area, with permission given from the Metro Board. The largest tent was donated to Fort Wooten. The (3) 10x10 tents will remain in the WG closet.

A proposal was discussed last meeting and a possible "request for exception to use the MOC" paper was passed around and discussed. The final draft will be presented to the Metro Board

for their input. This will be for educational events we may have that may also be beneficial to some outside participants (example is the recent smoke spotting program). All other programs and events will remain to be for SFTR residents only, the way it is set up at this point for MOC usage. Carol Smith will approach the Metro Board with this proposal as well as ask if Nancy Allred would like to have someone else take over the responsibility of scheduling the MOC usage; Claudia Henning has volunteered.

Darla has done an excellent job putting together the SFTR Women's Group Balance sheet so we can see more detailed expenditures and inventory. She will continue to work with past information so we can see where our money is coming and going and be able to evaluate our finances in a wonderful, informative way. At this point we do have \$4,253.28 in our account. Thank you Darla!

Upcoming thoughts: The next Meeting will be June 11 at 10 am at the MOC. It was discussed and decided that we shall have the August meeting be a pot luck brunch at the MOC to recognize any WG member who has retired in the past two years and enjoy celebrating with them...In September the plan is to gather in Trinidad and spend some limited time shopping or at least going in some of our local stores and then gathering some place for lunch and sharing what we discovered as "treasures"... Hope to see you all at future meetings and at the picnic!

Carol Smith, for the SFTR Women's Group

SFTR Women's Group Meeting Minutes, June 11, 2022

A wonderful group of women met together this morning to complete last minute details of the upcoming July 2 annual SFTR picnic and a little bit of other business, as well as sharing and getting to meet new neighbors.

In attendance were Carol Smith, Barb Wurfel, Elsie Harris, Carmen Richards, Shannon Youngquist, Lori Clark, Victoria Pigott, Paula Polidoro, Mary Ghormley, Margaret Carone, Cyndi Hamilton, Claudia Henning, Pat Nash, Joni English, Carol Rankin, Maryanne Coelln, Nanci Dixon, Nancy Scott, Sue Downs, Susan Richter.

Sending regrets were Darla Tollefson, Maureen Latham, Missy Craig, Mary Bishop, and Harriet Vaugeois.

The items and helpers and layout for the picnic were discussed. Early set up will be at 10:00 am on Friday, July 1st. Those who wish to help are welcome. Tables inside for the food, the drinks, tableware, as well as for the raffle and logowear will be set up.

Any further donations for the raffle can be directed to Carmen Richards, at least a week before the picnic.

Notices are on the website and the sign is now at the guard shack. There will be reminders posted on ND and our website about the picnic and to bring cash for the raffle tickets.

Treasurers report: we currently have \$4,114.28 in the bank and \$139 in petty cash.

An announcement was made that beginning this week, the Meet and Greet will be at 4:00 pm on Mondays, coinciding with the Games night. We hope this will enable some who would like to meet others to have an opportunity to have a larger group to meet, and the time of day may be better for those who are working. Thank you to Claudia, Maureen, Lori and Sue for hosting the Meet and Greets! - and For Cyndi and Scott for hosting the Game Nights! All are welcome!

Carmen gave a report on the Fisher Peak Fire Dept. Auxiliary meeting which she and Leanne Olson attended. The dept and few current members of the auxiliary are thrilled that there is an interest in some SFTR owners to become involved and help the FP dept. Further updates and happenings will be reported to our WG, but Carmen said there may be a raffle or garage sale in the future, and there is a planned pasta dinner later in the year. The next auxiliary meeting will possibly be in August.

Nancy Scott has donated a 'net and balls and 2 paddles' set for ping pong, which can be set up for a variety of table sizes. Claudia has requested the WG purchase a ping pong table - possibly medium size that can be folded for when not in use. She will forward what she proposes and prices for us to discuss later. Meanwhile the set shall be tried out for use on one of our current tables for "mini ping pong" games.

Future WG meetings : no WG meeting in July since we have the picnic; August we will have a potluck brunch to help celebrate those who retired in the last couple years- so they can be recognized; September the WG meeting will be held the 3rd Saturday (9/17) due to the Artocade on the 10th. This meeting will be held in Trinidad with some fun shopping and/or discovering some local shops, and a picnic lunch in town.

Nancy Scott and Claudia will check out different catering places in the next couple months to get ideas for our fall dinner.

Susan R. said the next art show is in the planning stages and may be later in July. An announcement will be sent out to the WG email list at a later date.

The business part of the meeting was over at 11:00 am and attendees then spent time enjoying some treats from Maryanne, and visiting together.

Women's Group meeting minutes
August 13, 2022 10:00 am at the MOC

Attendees were Lori Clark, Lynne Parker, Mary Bishop, Pat Nash, Sue Downs, Claudia Henning, Nancy Scott, Carol Rankin, Cyndi Hamilton, Barb Wurfel, Bea Scoones, Carol Smith, Tori Pigott, Carmen Richards, and Elsie Harris.

Sending regrets were Maureen Latham and Mary Ghormley

Business:

- 1) Fall Dinner: Claudia and Nancy presented findings after extensive research into decisions for the fall dinner. The group present thought the plans they proposed were great and agreed to the following:
 - The fall dinner will be held Saturday, November 12, 2022, beginning at 5:30.
 - It will be called "Chuck Wagon on SFTR". Decorations will be going along with a western theme with such ideas as camp lanterns, cowboy boots with floral arrangements, red bandanas, denim attire suggested, black and white checked tablecloths, etc.
 - Jay Gonzales of the Las Animas Grill will grill 10 oz. ribeyes steaks (according to individual order of doneness), have a seasonal roasted mixed vegetables, and baked potato with "fixins". An optional vegetarian Portabella Mushroom dish will be available.
 - Appetizers will be paid for from WG funds, but provided by either Jay or another caterer (Claudia and Nancy will decide with a cost from WG agreed to for \$300 for 100 persons)
 - Cakes will be provided by various volunteers from the WG.
 - Cost will be \$25/person
 - A sign up sheet was passed around for decorating tables and MOC, cake baking or buying, set up and clean up.
 - Claudia said once all information is confirmed, Jerry Peters will make flyers. Claudia will provide a flyer for placing on the website notification, and will give information to Sharon Sorenson and Deb Johnson for the September SFTR newsletter

- 2) Picnic report: The picnic in July was a great success once again. Count of attendees was approximately 100. The raffle items were exciting and kudos given to Carmen for the variety and nice items to select from. The raffle brought in \$1,688... Shannon is thanked for her diligent and wonderful work with the logowear, which is popular with us all. Sales came to \$328 with a few more items on order. Thanks to all who helped!!!

- 3) Questions proposed to Metro Board: Several questions were proposed recently to the Metro Board from the WG.
 - Would the Metro Board be willing to allow a minimum # of outsiders to attend educational events at our MOC if the sponsor of the program were to ensure the responsibility to escort the persons on the ranch and give the Metro Board the information ahead of time with all the pertinent details. - The Metro Board said no, not at this time, as they felt it has the opportunity to create issues.

- Can we, as a WG, purchase signs to limit parking at the MOC to the gravel only and not on the concrete, as there have been oil marks and tire marks. Metro said Abby has been given permission to park on the concrete esp on days there may be hail, and when it is wet and snowy. Otherwise, most of the time persons do park on the gravel, unless they are loading or unloading their vehicle. This was tabled and can be revisited if it becomes a problem in the future.

- The Women's Group wanted to think about maybe creating a "walking path" memorial area in the land to the south of the MOC. This would be for remembering residents who have passed away and could be recognised with a tree, plaque or bench, etc. The WG would be responsible for its upkeep... While some on the Metro Board felt this was a nice idea, the Metro has the special clause that they can someday sell part of the 35 acres of the current lot for a special "less than 35 acres" to a future resident. This could cause issues with the proposed Memorial Walk area. It was suggested to perhaps look into using an area of the Conservancy. A couple of the WG who are also members of the Common Area Committee will bring this up at their next meeting.

3) AED and First Aid Materials at the MOC: The possibility of the WG helping to purchase an AED and First Aid Materials to be located at the MOC was discussed. The Community Preparedness Committee is in discussion about whether these are something needed/useful for the MOC. We decided to table this until we hear more from the Committee in the future.

4) The next meeting will be held the third Saturday in September (9/17), due to the Artocade being on September 10. We had earlier thought to go into town in Sept for exploring local shops and lunch, but now will plan that for closer to the holidays. The October meeting will also need to be a Saturday other than October 8, since that is the Annual Meeting date. October's meeting date will be decided at the September meeting.

Brunch: All enjoyed the potluck brunch after the business part was completed and shared about things that have happened since COVID began, and recently in our lives. The sharing and visiting were a nice way to relax while we ate delicious food!

-Sue Downs also encouraged everyone to stop by and play games on Monday nights 4:30-6:30 during the Meet and Greet/ Games time. Cyndi Hamilton and Scott are thanked for starting this great game night idea, and Claudia for the Meet and Greet.

Meeting adjourned at noon.

Women's group meeting minutes September 17, 2022

Attendees were Barb Wurfel, Tori Pigott, Lynne Parker, Pat Nash, Elsie Harris, Mary Bishop, Harriet Vaugois, Carol Smith, Sue Downs, Cyndi Hamilton, Darla Tollefson.

After enjoying visiting and catching up for a few minutes, we began the meeting talking about the need for cookies to be made for the upcoming October Annual Meeting. Carol will also set up Coffee, hot water for tea, ice water and possible iced tea to serve that morning. Several raised their hands to make cookies and a general reminder will be sent out before the meeting.

Elsie Harris will be moving at the end of the month and we signed our addresses on her book. She said she would send us her address once she knew it in PA, as she would like to keep in touch. She shared she had a large screen TV she wanted to give away and one gal took her up on the offer.

The E series Pop-up display that was left to us by Greg Beaumont, and we have no need for, has not been taken by the few who seemed possibly interested so several other names were offered to see if they would like it. Instead of putting it up on Craig's list for sale, the majority indicated we should check with some of the community groups first. Carol will call one name associated with the college first before asking Harriet for other possibilities she knows in town.

The first aid kits and 'blood stop' kits for the MOC were ordered by the Community Preparedness Committee and were reimbursed by the Women's Group (\$89 total). It was suggested that we have a first aid type class presented at the MOC in the future to go over possible injuries encountered on the ranch. Carol will ask Bill Latham about scheduling this. We have discussed the possibility of having an AED at the MOC as well, and Maureen Latham, who has been looking into this can hopefully present her findings at the next WG meeting. It was discussed that if we get one, it should be kept inside the MOC building. We also will ask the Ditch Rats if they need any type of first aid kits to be purchased from us for their usage. Once Bill and Maureen are home, we can ask them where they think the current new first aid kits should be placed - for now they are in the WG closet. Carol will bring her own AED to the Annual Meeting and the fall dinner in case it is needed.

The Fall Dinner "Chuck Wagon on SFTR", is scheduled for Saturday, November 12.

Reservations need to be in by October 29. Once we know the # of reservation we can determine how many tables will need to be set up.

The tables will have centerpieces of cakes on raised cake plates with decorations around them - probably fake fall leaves as Carol and others have these already for usage. Other decorations were discussed to have around the room such as boots with fall flowers, western themed items, "Saloon Doors" to come in at the front (Tori will check this out to see if she or her husband can do, using some heavy cardboard), a "Wanted Poster frame" with nearby props that can be hung and used for taking pictures of dinner attendees (Carol will make), signs on the bathroom doors, Watering Hole signs at drinks table, maybe wagon wheels, etc. All are encouraged to bring

more ideas to the next meeting. Jeff Smith may make some “wanted” pictures to tape up around the room using some ranch persons - and perhaps some can send Carol pictures he can use...this can be a surprise to attendees! Any “Old Tyme photos” that attendees may have taken over the years would be fun to have as well. Pat Nash and Lynne Parker agreed to make some western trivia placecards for the tables. Several sample trivia questions were asked of the group and enjoyed as we guessed the answers - (usually wrongly).

Darla reported that the current treasury has \$5,960. The only project we currently have in mind is if we get permission to make a “Memorial Walking Path” at the conservancy, which we understand Claudia is working on with the Common Area Committee.

Mary Bishop will be having surgery on September 28th for a hysterectomy, and John Parker will have surgery for his back on that same day. We are asking to keep them in prayer for successful surgeries and good, complete recovery.

The next Women’s Group meeting will be on October 15th (the 3rd Saturday due to the Annual Meeting on October 8th.) at 9:00 am at the MOC.

Submitted by Carol Smith

Women's Group Meeting minutes October 15, 2022

The October meeting was attended by Carol Smith, Barb Wurfel, Lori Clark, Tori Pigott, Darla Tollefson, Joni English, Carol Rankin, Pat Nash, and Claudia Henning. Sending regrets were Nancy Scott, Carmen Richards, Lynne Parker, Maureen Latham, Shannon Youngquist, Mary Ghormley, and Mary Bishop.

Carmen took a break from her mitigation crew work to talk to us about the upcoming firehouse silent auction, bake sale, and pasta dinner on October 29th. She had some tickets available and can get more if needed. She invites everyone to come participate by eating, signing up for auction items, or by making or donating a dessert, bake sale item or auction items. All price ranges are accepted for items. If any one has further questions or would like to donate something contact Carmen.

The group decided, after discussion, to give Maureen the go-ahead to purchase an AED to be housed inside at the MOC. Maureen has done research on the different products and has been accepted for a grant price through AEDGrant.com. She will be in contact with them and also check on AED cabinets (which will be kept unlocked for emergency needs.) We will see if we can also house the special first aid kit and stop-bleed kit there as well. It is noted that we have a regular first aid kit, provided by the Metro, now on the kitchen counter for small cuts or minor injuries.

It has come to our attention that some ranch residents have hesitated to have a welcome visit, as they think they need to join the Women's group if they do. If you hear this, please let them know it is not true. They are told about us, and asked if they would like to receive the WG emails, and are welcome to join us, but never are pressured to do so. A shout out to our Welcome Gals (and Tim Nash who has gone with Pat at times) for the great work they do!

The "Chuck Wagon on SFTR" Fall dinner on November 12 was the major part of our conversations then, as we finalized some plans. So far we have 27+ reservations received with more coming in at the meeting. Barb, Carol S. and Claudia met earlier to see how many we could actually seat in the MOC for a sit down dinner. The maximum would be using 8 round tables with 8 per table and 4 rectangular tables with 8 each, for a total of 96 persons. Last year we had 60, plus we had the tables for food, which are not needed at the kitchen area this year. It is thought we would have the 12 total tables, but with less persons at each if the attendance is not maximum.

With this in mind, we have begun a list of persons willing to create a western themed centerpiece for a table. (need two more). We also are needing desserts made (could be cake, pie, brownies, etc) (need two more). If anyone is able and willing, please contact Claudia who is keeping those lists.

Set up and clean up will be done Friday, Nov 11 at 10am. Several have already committed to this - thank you! *We will not have a WG meeting on Saturday.*

Darla is checking out western themed name tags to purchase; Barb will be at the greeter table; Claudia has purchased the needed tablecloths; tableware will be provided by the caterer; Claudia will meet the caterer that Sat to lead them up to the MOC; Carol Smith will do the emceeing.

We decided to have several prizes and fun trivia and table competition, to go along with the theme (if you did not attend the meeting, I am not listing these specifics so it will be a surprise - a hint though, you are encouraged to wear western wear). Other decorations and suggestions were also discussed.

We are all looking forward to the event.

Darla said that before recent logowear sales and a few expenses, we have \$5,960 in our account.

Plans for once again decorating trees around the ranch with white lights for the holidays will be announced later.

The meeting was over at 11:30 so some could visit and get the food and tables ready as they hosted the Mitigation Crew for lunch, who were working around the MOC that day. The crew said how much the lunch was appreciated - thank you to those who helped in this!

Next meeting will be held December 10th, and will be a Christmas Party/pot luck brunch and gift exchange. More info will be sent out closer to that date, but mark it on your calendars now!

Minutes submitted by Carol Smith