

Women's Group Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2023

Our January meeting began at 10:00 with Carol Smith, Shannon Youngquist, Darla Tollefson, Joni English, Mary Bishop, Pat Nash, Lori Clark, Nancy Scott, Sue Downs, and Claudia Henning in attendance. Sending regrets were Barb Wurfel, Maureen Latham, Missy Craig, and Mary Ghormley.

Shannon began the business part of the meeting discussing the increased prices of logowear; several items are going up significantly, some of which are best sellers. After discussion, it was voted to sell the items we have currently at the price they are listed for now, but new items will be sold for our cost plus an average of 25% for the fundraising efforts for the WG. The group did give Shannon the okay to determine the increase if she felt some should be increased by a different percentage. Some examples of price increases are : currently we have been selling denim long sleeve shirts for \$26, now our cost will be \$31; Beanies we have been selling for \$8.50, but now will cost us \$9; We sell tote bags for \$14 but now cost to us will be \$15...

Maureen and Bill will be putting up the AED, First Aid Pack, and Stop Bleeding Pack in the new outdoor container. This will be located outside the front door of the MOC. (Metro has given permission).

Claudia suggested we each think about inviting a neighbor who usually does not come to the WG Meetings to attend. It is hoped this may increase the interest and expand the # of attendees... It was mentioned that the Welcome Group of gals will be hosting a brunch Jan 19th for those new gals they have visited over the last couple years (2021, 2022). This should be a nice way to have newbies meet and feel more a part of our ranch. We await their positive report afterwards!

- Any newer ranch ladies are invited to the brunch; please RSVP by Tuesday by calling Pat at 303-909-5569.

Darla said we have \$3,564.70 in our account and \$121 in cash. She reported one of our larger expenses of 2022 was the Annual fall dinner since we paid for the appetizers and some of the desserts and prizes, however it was a great success and we received positive comments all around from those who attended. Other notable expenses for the year were logowear restocking, AED, first aid and stop bleeding kits, popcorn machine, as well as items such as paper products, utensils and coffee.

Carol mentioned she put the snacks that have been laying on the counter tops in the MOC kitchen in the corner cabinet if any meeting groups need something. Nancy Scott will remind the FHWMC, and Claudia, Sue and Pat will remember for the Monday night group. Pat did say the Monday night group has been bringing their own food as well as own plates, etc. We agreed that they should use what is in the closet and/or charge those paper products to the WG.

Carol asked if it would be a good idea to have a mug holder for coffee and tea to decrease the use of disposable cups, and all agreed and some will bring extra cups for that purpose after Carol creates one to hang.

It was decided to tentatively save the date of Saturday, July 1, for the Annual picnic. Claudia will get back with the group next month to let us know the plans and dates of the city for the 4th celebration, so we can see if there will be too many conflicts. Darla Tollefson has volunteered to chair the Raffle Committee for the picnic - thank you Darla!

Other suggestions that were discussed are:

- 1) Have a "Clothing Exchange" some time at the MOC - bring your clothes that are nice but no longer wanted, to give away for whoever wants.
- 2) Have a craft sale at the MOC for crafters from the ranch and open it up for Ranch Owners (not public).
- 3) Have a garage sale at the MOC for individuals from the ranch to bring their own stuff (again open only for ranch owners to sell and buy). This would not be a fundraiser - so no cost to the sellers. {This should be in nicer weather so the tables could be outside as well as inside}.

No dates have been decided for these yet but should be proposed in the near future. All three ideas were thought to be great.

Other discussions:

- 1) Vermejo Ranch opens up twice a year for a brunch in which local persons can come to have a great meal, plus view the grounds and tour inside. This year the spring brunch will be on Mother's Day, and there will be a fall date as well. Cost is \$50 pp. For more information and to request reservations you can contact Jared at jared.chatterley@trinidad.co.gov
- 2) The Bald and Golden Eagles should now be at the Maxwell Wildlife Refuge, NM. If interested it is suggested to call the ranger station to make sure they have arrived for their winter nesting and see if the visitor center will be open. (not necessary to view the eagles, but a nice place with good displays- and has restrooms!)
- 3) Saturday the 21st the Main Street Live is having a free performance. It is to be a dressier affair and promises to be well worth going!
- 4) Also on the 21st will be a presentation of winners of "the best of Trinidad" survey with free pizza and fun events.
- 5) The Parks and Recreation office is said to have plans to move into the Waterworks Building near Cimino Park; plans are to create 4 pickleball courts on the high school grounds for the public use; studies and plans are being discussed to create more riverwalk beautification around the river and expand the walk/bike trail; rumor has it that the new Fisher Peak State Park trail to the top of the peak may be completed this year. Right now they have over 11 miles of trails completed - some multiuse, some hiking only and one mountain bike downhill only.

After the meeting was over, Maureen came in from her CPR refresher class she attended and said the instructor is willing to come to our MOC at some point to teach CPR and First Aid. A time for that will be determined and announced.

When the meeting adjourned some stayed to look at the current logowear which Shannon has in stock and we had a "flash sale". Shannon suggested to have another flash sale Feb 11, perhaps before the next WG meeting begins.

Next Women's Group Meeting will be Saturday, Feb 11 at 10:00 am at the MOC.

-Carol Smith, for the SFTR Women's Group

February 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Welcome and Introductions: Darla Tollefson, Claudia Henning, Lynn Parker, Karla Gorrell, Pat Nash, Stormy Pierce, Shannon Youngquist, Lori Clark, Joni English, & Maureen Latham

2022 Scrapbook shared with those in attendance.

Treasurers report:

Current Balances:		
Checking	\$	3,903.70
Petty Cash	\$	126.00
	\$	<u>4,029.70</u>

Old Business

Shannon & Darla displayed the remaining Logo Wear Stock beautifully. Several customers came through between 0900-1000. Road snow fall may have contributed to low turnout.

Maureen reports that the AED is installed and ready for use. It came to our attention that the expiration of Pads was September 2023. Maureen contacted our vendor to inquire about the life of the pads. The vendor states they should be good for 2 years, but supply chain issues have been a problem. They currently have pads available with expiration date of 11/2024 and will send to us. Ranch CPR/First Aide/AED class on April 29 has 7 signed up. Raton has a monthly option too.

Carol created the beautiful Mug Holder and supplied the mugs from the local thrift shops for all to use. Thank you Carol, much appreciated.

Claudia confirmed that most city events (Parade, Triggers game, etc.) will be held on July 4. The ranch picnic is confirmed for July 1st. Shannon will create save the date flier for April distribution, and details flier for June distribution. Darla shared the first raffle item donated by Carol. It is a smaller version of the Mug Holder. Joni volunteered to speak at the next POA board meeting April 8th and share news regarding the picnic. In addition she will give a WG activities summary. Thank you all!

Discussion regarding potential activities from last meeting: clothing exchange, Craft sale and Garage sale, exclusive for ranch people. Decision to hold Garage and Craft sale on May 27th, pending MOC reservation (currently nothing noted on the calendar). Shannon to create fliers and form for folks to sign up for outside MOC space. Maureen will be the contact for space sign ups. Darla, Lori, Claudia & Pat volunteered to be day of the event coordinators for parking, tables, etc. A suggestion was made to include making popcorn and have corn hole available for kids. Also potential for virtual buying, and room in parking lot for larger items such as ATVs. Form will include name and participant phone number and requirement that all items not sold will be taken away at the end of the day. Set-up time 0800-0900. Event 0900-1300. In order to draw from a wider ranch appeal the event name wouldn't include sponsored by WG. SFTR Flea-market was suggested. Discussion regarding clothing exchange deferred for another meeting but it was suggested it might be held in conjunction with a WG monthly meeting.

Stormy Pierce shared her positive experience with the Welcome Visit. She kindly noted that it helped her transition to the ranch. She hadn't experienced this kind of community in the HOA where she resided previously.

New Business:

Maureen spoke about the following:

Weed Committee to meet April 11th, 6-7 pm, MOC, primary purpose to plan for specific weed project on the Conservancy Lots. The 5 Lots are covered in Locust and will require a large workforce with ATVs. For consideration once dates are set, would WG consider hosting food/barbecue for workers once this gets organized? Please encourage meeting attendance.

Annual Ranch Weed-Out scheduled for April 22nd 1000-1100, MOC. Carol Rawle will again speak. Bill Latham will have Herbicide available. Bill Neilson will be recruiting for Adopt-a-Road.

Preparedness Committee Meeting May 20th, 1000-1100 focus on Education and Personal Prepared next projects. Highlighting Ranch Preparedness Handbook. Bring ideas for speakers. Consider Medical, Fire, and Weather emergencies.

Claudia spoke regarding Communications Committee activities. She encouraged everyone to check for meeting minutes from all the committees on the Website. She also shared that the Communication group is working hard to upgrade the website. The changes have been submitted to our Website Vendor. They will be implementing the changes in the near future. Also coming soon, a private SFTR Facebook page for ranch residents. Residents would need to have a Facebook account but wouldn't need to add friends. They would request to join this private page and after verification as a ranch resident, be able to access. There would be content rules.

Group expressed that they have heard comments regarding difficulties using the website, especially by newer residents. Claudia shared that Bill Neilson is planing in person education on the use of the site for all residents.

Minutes submitted by Maureen Latham

Next Women's Group meeting March 11, 1000, MOC

Women's Group Meeting minutes
April 15, 2023, 10-12 at the MOC

The SFTR Women's Group met Saturday, April 15th at the MOC. In attendance were Lynne Parker, Carol Smith, Sue Downs, Nancy Scott, Carol Rankin, Lori Calrk, Pat Nash, Nanci Dixon, and Joni English. We missed those who were unable to join us!

The main order of business was discussing the May 27th garage sale/craft market. We want to make sure the word gets out and discussed ways to do so. Anyone interested in bringing items to sell should contact Maureen Latham. Carol will send out a special note to the Women's Group list, and will make up more flyers for the bulletin boards and MOC. Shannon has created the flyers, which look great. All are encouraged to talk to neighbors about the event.

We thanked Joni for speaking at the recent POA Meeting, where she spoke about the welcoming of our group to her and also highlighted the "garage/craft sale" in May and "save the date" for the July 1 picnic. Tim Nash has donated a Jokers Marble handmade board for the raffle and this was shown to the group.

Pat Nash said her husband Tim has offered to present a free class to the Women of the ranch concerning Basic Firearm Safety.

{* Post Note: this will be for all SFTR residents, not just women, and held on Sat May 6 at 9:00 am at the MOC - see notification on the website for more info or contact Tim Nash}

Darla's current treasurer report states we have \$4,341.70 in checking; \$126 in cash.

Other discussion was centered around hearing updates from those present about families and activities. It was enjoyable having the sharing time together.

The next Women's Group Meeting will be May 13 at 10 am at the MOC.

Women's Group Meeting

May 13, 2023

The Women's Group meeting was held on May 13, 2023 at 10:00 in the Metro Operations Center. In attendance: Lynne Parker, Lori Clark, Claudia Henning, Margaret Carone, Shannon Youngquist, Nancy Scott and Barb Wurfel.

We discussed the upcoming Craft and Garage Sale scheduled for May 27. We will place the tables in the covered pavilion in a rectangle near the center so buyers can walk around the outside of the tables. The recycle program will park their vehicle in the parking area. Maureen reported that we have 6 people registered for the garage sale and 5 for the craft sale. One name was added to garage sale and another for craft for a total of 13. Lori, Barb and possibly Darla will be there at 8:00 to help with set up. We do not know if anyone has large items that will need to be in the parking area. If there is heavy rain or storms, we will announce a rain date of May 28. Claudia said the SFTR newsletter is scheduled for distribution on May 15 and an announcement about the sale is included.

The next topic was the July 1 annual picnic. Shannon will be handling logo wear sales. She said she will line up her helpers and that she recently placed a large order with Virginia. She did not order tote bags for the welcome bag as they have become too expensive. We discussed other options and Claudia will get a supply of 20 Trader Joe's bags next week to use for welcome bags. We will get a list of current raffle items from Darla and distribute to the group. It was suggested that we sell raffle tickets before and after the June POA meeting if we can get approval from the POA Board. Claudia confirmed that a picnic announcement is in the May SFTR newsletter. We checked our current supplies and Lynne will buy the needed items when she is in Sam's and Costco this month. We still need volunteers for the following:

- Food tables
- Games
- Raffle
- Set up
- Clean up
- Parking
- Name tag/welcome table – Barb and need 1 more

Please contact Barb Wurfel or Carol Smith to volunteer for one of the above. Nancy and Lori will help wherever needed.

A suggestion was made to hire one of the residents on the ranch that provides house cleaning services to clean (vacuum carpet, clean bathrooms, etc) after the picnic. The group would pay for the service. If we are pleased with the results we could consider having the cleaning done on a more frequently.

It was suggested that we rotate a Women's Group volunteer to give an update at each POA meeting. The picnic should be announced again at the June POA meeting. We will check with Carol to see if someone is line up for June.

The group recently received a request from the Fire Mitigation and Forest Health Committee for assistance in purchasing an AED for their group. Due to low attendance at this meeting we postponed any decisions until the next meeting.

It is the understanding of several attendees that the mitigation group did not want snacks at their projects. They will offer Propel water.

There were 4 attendees at the recent Gardening Gathering and Lynne said it was very informative. Lori posted some information on NextDoor.

The group discussed the departure of Mary and RC Ghormley. Mary was a vital part of our group and her contributions were lauded by the group. RC was also a big help with our various functions.

A hike at Fishers Peak State Park was suggested as a summer activity. We could carpool from the mailboxes and have a picnic lunch after the hike. We could break in to separate groups and each group hike the trail of their choosing.

The next meeting will be June 10, 2023 at 10:00 at the MOC.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Wurfel

Women's Group Meeting

June 10, 2023

The meeting was held at 10:00 at the MOC. In attendance were Claudia Henning, Maryanne Coelln, Sue Downs, Lynne Parker, Toni Moore, Maureen Latham, Mary Bishop, Harriet Vaugeois, Shannon DeBord and Barb Wurfel

1. The annual picnic is scheduled for July 1. The volunteers are:

- Welcome table: Barb and Maryanne
- Set up: Barb, Shannon D, Claudia, Maureen, Sue D and Carol S
- Clean up: Barb, Carol S and Nancy S. In the past many guests have stayed to help with this task
- Food: Harriet and Lori C
- Games: Carol S
- Logo wear sales: Shannon Y, Lynne P and Toni
- Raffle tickets: Darla, Sue D and Nancy and Dennis Scott. Tickets will also be available at Welcome table
- Popcorn Machine: Ann Scott
- Parking: Bill Latham, Dave Wurfel and maybe Randy Wichterman

Darla is working on raffle items. We will share the list of items with the group when it is assembled. We agreed to keep ticket prices at 1 for \$1 and 6 for \$5.

Shannon Y is sending the picnic flyer to Deb Johnson for inclusion on the SFTR website. Claudia said the new SFTR Facebook page should be ready soon and can be posted there as well.

Set up will be on Friday, 6/30, at 8:00 a.m. We are starting earlier than usual because two volunteers are not available later in the morning.

Lynne P purchased needed supplies and put them in our closet.

Carol S has several games that she will bring.

Barb will contact someone to give a blessing before eating.

2. The next topic was a request to purchase pickleball equipment to be used at the MOC. It was agreed to purchase a net, 4 paddles and 8 balls at an approximate cost of \$150. Carol S might have access to a metal storage bin that will store these supplies as well as the basketballs outside.

3. A request from the Fire Mitigation and Forest Health Committee to purchase or assist in purchasing an AED machine was discussed after being postponed from last meeting. There are several unanswered

questions that are important in our decision process on assisting. It was suggested that those available attend their next committee meeting on Thursday, June 15, at 6:00 p.m. at the MOC.

4. Claudia had a recommendation that we order tote bags with the SFTR logo imprinted on them to use as welcome bags. She can get 50 of them from Vista Print for \$112.50. The group approved Claudia making the purchase.

5. Mary Bishop talked about the Welcome Center in town and the need for volunteers. It would be for a single 3 hour shift per week. She gave brochures to those that were interested.

6. Carol Rawle will no longer stop by our meetings to sell eggs. Contact here directly if you are interested in purchasing eggs from her.

7. The next meeting will be on July 8 at 10:00 at the MOC. It was felt that we could not wait until August to start planning for the Fall Dinner. Claudia is "retiring" from organizing this function after doing it for 3 years.

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. I 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 available soon as a link. 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 - 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.

SFTR Women's Group Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2023; 10 am at MOC

In attendance were: Lynne Parker, Claudia Henning, Pat Nash, Joni Lerner English, Barb Wurfel, Harriet Vaugeois, Stormy Pierce, Carol Rankin, Cindi Hamilton, Toni Moore, Jean Busch, and Carol Smith

Our meeting began with introductions so we could get to know each other a bit more. It is always good to hear about each other a bit and where they are from, as well as happening in our lives now and what is keeping us busy.

Fall Dinner discussion: The annual SFTR fall dinner is scheduled for November 4, a Saturday.

- We chose 5:00 pm for social time to begin, and 6:00 pm for dinner to begin.
- The menu main entrees will be brisket or a vegetable lasagna. Sides will be decided by the gals who are heading up the menu aspect (Claudia Henning, Lynne Parker, and Shannon DeBord).
- Appetizers will be provided by the Women's Group.
- Claudia will check on a local cake decorator for possibilities with a "Road Trip" theme.
- Flier will be created by Shannon Youngquist
- Lynne Parker will collect reservations and money
- Lynne and Carol Smith will do the nametags
- All are to think of ideas for decorations/ games/ prizes and bring ideas to September 9th WG Meeting
- It was also decided in lieu of centerpieces, each table will have appetizers as centerpieces. Plates and/or placemats will have a car/travel theme; oblong sturdy plates will be used; metal silverware will be purchased by the WG for use at our dinners and for other times as desired in lieu of plastic utensils (Jean B will order these)
- Possibly butter, rolls, salt and pepper, and other such items will be on each table
- WG will provide ice, water, coffee, etc. The dinner will be BYOB.
- Deadline for RSVPs is October 21; cost will be \$30 pp; cost must be paid ahead by cash or check made out to SFTR Women's Group and can be mailed or dropped into guard shack or MOC mail slots.

Other discussion:

- The SFTR Annual Meeting will be October 7 at the MOC at 9:00 am
- The nominations for open POA Board of Directors positions are closing tonight at 10:00 pm. At this time we have 3 nominees for the three open positions.
- Labor Day weekend is the Rodeo at the fairgrounds. There is also a planned parade.
- The rugs in the MOC are in need of a good cleaning. We are asking for anyone wishing to do this job to give the WG a bid for their time (WG will pay for the machine rental too.) We would like this done sometime in September.
- The WG will provide cookies and coffee and water for the Annual Meeting. A cookie sign up sheet will be provided at the September WG meeting.
- The last Festive Friday of this summer will be held Sept 1 at Joni Lerner English's Home (lot B52)

Next WG Meeting: Will be September 9th at 10 am.

Women's Group Meeting - Sept 2023

The SFTR Women's Group met at the MOC on September 9. In attendance were Lynne Parker, Barb Wurfel, Pat Nash, Toni Moore, Nancy Scott, Mary Bishop, Sue Downs, Claudia Henning, and Carol Smith.

Updates were first shared on Bill and Maureen as Bill recovers from heart surgery in San Diego; and updates on RC and Mary as RC recovers also from heart surgery. It was also shared that Abby Tamburelli's mother passed away over Labor Day weekend. Cards were passed around for those in attendance to share our love and concern for them all.

Sue Downs shared about the Fire Appreciation dinner she attended and Sue and Nancy talked about the idea of a short 5 minute talk they would like to have at the Annual dinner about the fire fighters and the raffle of two ash containers that have been donated to give free to the winners. Carol Smith will get further information to add these to the agenda for the Oct 7 POA meeting.

The rest of the meeting was devoted to the fall dinner - "Road Trip", to be held November 4th. Fliers have been created by Shannon Youngquist and were distributed. Carol also has put one on the bulletin board at the MOC and will put one at the mailboxes. Claudia will add this to the SFTR website and a link on the newsletter.

The menu has been confirmed to be brisket and vegetarian lasagna, roasted potatoes, grilled veggies, cowboy beans, rolls, appetizers and dessert. The dessert is still awaiting pricing from several sources. WG will provide the appetizers at each table. What to include was discussed - possibly items such as "road trip" yummys.

Ideas for decorations were shared and Carol went over and showed a few items she has already made or thought of. Sue and Mary and Carol shared ideas they got from talking at the Welcome Center. Other ideas were to check about road signs, maybe old classic car to have out front, tires, suitcase, maps, globe, solar lights, etc.

Some trivia games and the such were thought to maybe, instead of table competition, be placed on the TV screens for all to guess together.

It will be suggested for attendees to wear a shirt or hat from a place they have visited.

Also if anyone has photos of an old classic or special car, motorcycle, truck, etc. they owned in the past (maybe with them in the picture) to send it to Claudia for a overhead slide show.

All RSVPs should be given, along with payment of \$30 pp, to Lynne Parker by October 21 deadline. She can be reached at lparkercnm@yahoo.com or # 719-406-0070.

More ideas are to be brought to the next meeting.

Cookies are needed to be provided for the Annual Meeting. Those volunteered so far are Barb Wurfel, Carol Smith, Pat Nash, Toni Moore, and Lynne Parker.

Nametags are plentiful for the Annual Meeting, as are napkins. WG will also provide coffee and tea, and water. Carol will set these up.

Sue Downs wondered if we could periodically have a "Movie Night" at the MOC for residents to enjoy - with popcorn and BYOB. It was suggested that she discuss with the Games Night attendees to decide a time and movie and we can give it a try. She will get back with Carol to reserve the MOC.

All exclaimed how great the MOC looked since Katie Zaboroski was hired to do a thorough cleaning and also shampooed the rugs. This, we feel, will need to be done periodically more often.

Next meeting will be October 14 at 10 am at the MOC.

Women's Group mtg minutes - October 14, 2023
MOC; 10am - 12

In attendance were Barb Wurfel, Toni Moore, Claudia Henning, Sue Downs, Jean Busch, Lori Clark, and Carol Smith.

The main topic centered around the upcoming Fall "Road Trip" dinner to be held on Saturday, November 4, 2023 from 5-9pm at the MOC.

All the fliers laid out at the Annual Meeting have been taken, and checks with RSVPs are coming in. Lynne Parker was unable to attend today but as of Wed the 11th, there were 28 reservations. Barb said she would post the flier information on the Official SFTR Facebook page; it was in the newsletter; and will be attached to these meeting minutes as well. The reservations need to be given to Lynne Parker by Saturday the 21st.

All are encouraged to share the info with neighbors and friends on the ranch.

If you are attending, it is suggested to wear a shirt or an item from one of your travels.

The menu items were reviewed: brisket, garlic potatoes, rolls, cowboy beans, another green veg, and vegetarian lasagna. Claudia is firming up the plans for the dessert, and the group decided what items to have for the appetizers at the tables.

Name tags have been purchased and will be at a welcome table where Toni and Jean have volunteered to make sure each person has one as they enter.

Set up will be started on Thursday the 2nd of November. Jean and Toni and Carol will be there. If you are interested in helping, contact Carol for the time to meet.

Final set up will be at 2 pm on the 4th to get the drinks and appetizers ready.

Carol will make table labels for identification and will emcee the event.

John Gerald is creating a streaming slide show. If you have any pictures to share of some of your travels or old cars you have owned or the like to go with the Road Trip theme, email them to Claudia at claudia_henning@yahoo.com

Other business:

The gals took turns periodically going outside to watch the progression of the Solar Eclipse using some special glasses Carol brought.

Claudia would like all to link up to the private official Facebook group for the SFTR ranch. There are some groups out there that are not our official one and are not private. Contact Claudia to request the link permission to get in. This group is ONLY for Owners and all must be approved to access.

Begin to think about what we would like to do for Christmas this year - go somewhere or be at MOC for a brunch and gift exchange? Several thoughts were expressed about places we may

want to check out if we go somewhere. Bring ideas to November meeting (with information about them - cost, availability, etc)

There is also a thought to check with Main Street Live to see if they are having any Christmas productions we may want to attend as a group.

Other ideas are welcome for Dec or other times for outings or meetings.

Next meeting will be Saturday, November 11 at 10 am at the MOC. Hope to see many of you at the dinner and at the next meetings!

Happy Fall!

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Fall Dinner information

HITCH UP YOUR GIDDYUP AND PLAN YOUR ROAD TRIP TO THE

SFTR ANNUAL FALL DINNER!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023 AT THE MOC, 33712 MOUNTAIN VIEW

Social Time begins at 5:00 p.m.

Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Ends at 9:00 p.m.

Entrees: Brisket or Vegetarian Lasagna, sides, appetizers, and dessert

Coffee, Tea and Water provided

BYOB for additional beverages

Cost is \$30 per person

Please RSVP to Lynne Parker at 719-406-0070 or lparkercnm@yahoo.com

Deadline for reservations and payment is October 21, 2023

Please pay with cash or check made payable to "SFTR Women's Group"

Drop your payment off at the Guard Shack or MOC mail slot, or mail your payment to SFTR Women's Group, 33712 Mountain View, Trinidad, CO 81082

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!!!

