

Women's Group Meeting

August 10, 2024

Attending the meeting were Pat Nash, Lori Clark, Toni Moore, Sue Downs, Nancy Scott, Jean Busch, Patty Thomas, Claudia Henning, Mary Bishop, Stormy Pierce and Barb Wurfel.

Flea Market/Electronic Recycling Review – Lori reviewed the feedback she received and said most sellers were satisfied with the results. Some of the sellers attending for the first time were expecting a larger turnout. It was suggested that we have it one more year to see if the word spreads. It was also suggested that we try paper shredding services next time instead of recycling. Perhaps having the event at a central location would draw a larger crowd. Nancy and Sue will get information on availability of the fire station at the next Auxiliary meeting. It was mentioned that the hot dogs were a great treat for the people that attended.

Picnic Review – We had approximately 100 people at the picnic with many of them being new residents. We need to find more tables to put outside next year or stress that people bring their own. By placing the amplifier higher than it was, the sound should carry farther when making announcements and calling the raffle. It was also suggested that we have “placards” so that each food dish will have the name of the person as well as the name of the dish. Perhaps it will lead a cookbook in the future.

Recent Outings Review – Pat said the Philmont trip was well received by everyone. The trip to Rosemount Museum was also well received. There were 11 people that went and most enjoyed a lunch together afterward.

Future Outings

- Highway 12 when the elk are bugling. Have a lunch at Dog Bar, Yacht Club or the new restaurant near Valdez. It is believed the restaurant at Monument Lake will already be closed for the season.
- Rosemount Museum to see the Christmas display.
- Trinidad Trolley Christmas Lights tour if we could reserve a trolley.
- Bent's Fort to see a reenactment
- Aviation Museum in Pueblo
- Farm stands and restaurant on Highway 50 east of Pueblo. Not sure of any details.
- Hike in one of the local state parks. It was thought that trails at Trinidad Lake would appeal to various skill levels vs. Fisher's Peak

Upcoming events – The group will supply cookies for Meet the Nominees on Sept 7 as well as the By-Laws review sessions on Sept 14 and 21 and the annual POA meeting on Oct 5. The following agreed to provide cookies/treats for Sept 7: Pat Nash, Jean Busch, Mary Bishop, Toni Moore, Stormy Pierce and Barb Wurfel. If you would like to prepare something for the Sept 7 event let Barb know. We will determine if additional cookies/treats are needed for the events happening after Sept 7 and ask for volunteers. Patty Thomas will provide food for the annual POA but will not be available for Sept 7. Please note the Women’s Group meeting is in the morning on Sept 14 and the By-Laws review starts at 1:00.

Fall Dinner Luau –We reviewed Carol’s notes on what she already has available including napkins, leis, prizes, decorations and photo op cardboard. Jean volunteered to work with other artists in the group to paint the photo op cardboard. It was suggested that she ask Maureen to help. Lori has a silk palm tree we can borrow to give the room a tropical touch. Others have artificial trees and plants that may be used if space allows. Beach balls were suggested as another decoration.

The group strongly favored having food catered rather group volunteers doing the cooking. We discussed the various meats, vegetables, fruits, etc. that would be Hawaiian. Lori and Pat will contact various restaurants and caterers to get ideas and pricing. They will also talk with Cyndi Hamilton to ask if she is willing to provide catering for the dessert portion only. Sue and Mary will ask for names of suggested caterers at their Welcome Center volunteers meeting this week. We prefer to have appetizers as the centerpiece of each table. It was mentioned that Deb Johnson has made some beautiful trays. Barb volunteered to talk to her and ask if she is willing to prepare something for us. At the next meeting we can determine pricing and any needed subsidy by the Women’s Group. We can also decide about placemats and tablecloths after we decide on the appetizers.

It was decided that the limit should be 72 attendees so as to not overcrowd the room. Claudia will put a Save the Date notice on the SFTR Facebook page as well as the website. Barb will talk to Shannon Youngquist or John Gerald about creating the flyer. John will create a Hawaii slide show to loop on the tv monitors.

What started as an idea in jest suddenly took on some real interest. Next year’s theme could be breakfast for dinner.

Cleaning the MOC – It was suggested that we have Katie clean the carpet after the Fall Dinner. It was also requested that we have her clean the MOC once per month.

Bank Account Access –Mary suggested we get another authorized signature at the bank to make deposits and write checks. Jean Busch volunteered to be an authorized signatory for our account #8008-5822 but does not want any accounting responsibilities. Mary Bishop will be removed as an authorized signatory. Mary and Jean will work together to get the paperwork completed.

Our next meeting will be September 14 at 10:00 at the MOC.