

Fortuna Tierra Club Minutes
April 14, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 PM before we all enjoyed lunch at the Stone House Restaurant in Montrose. The meeting was conducted by Co-President, Mary Miller. It was a very short meeting because of the tour of the Ute Indian Museum in Montrose before lunch that morning. There were 18 total people present at the meeting and lunch (14 Fortuna Tierra members and 4 guests). Jeanne Logan, one of the founding members, was honored at lunch. Shelly Bennett introduced Jeanne and gave us a short history of Jeanne's involvement in the club. Then Shelly presented Jeanne a beautiful bouquet of flowers which Jeanne appreciated very much.

Before lunch at The Stone House, the director of the Ute Indian Museum gave Fortuna Tierra Club members a very interesting, informative and fun tour of the museum. The director began our tour by performing a Native American song and dance. Then she took us around to the main exhibits in the museum. We learned a lot about the lives of Chief Ouray and his second wife Chipeta, whose grave is located at the museum. Chief Ouray's burial site is listed as outside of Ignacio, Colorado, but there is some speculation that he might really be buried somewhere south of the museum around Colona. We looked at some beautiful clothing worn by the Ute Indians, and we saw some tools, baskets, pottery and a very interesting tipi. We also viewed some old black and white photos of the Utes. Then we had a chance to do some shopping in the gift shop there.

On a motion made and seconded, the minutes for the March 2014 meeting, as presented online, were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Laureen Kraft sent the Treasurer's Report for March around for approval. There were no corrections, so the Treasurer's report was approved and filed.

Philanthropic: Cher Mitton reported that we have 4 high school scholarship applicants and 2 continuing student scholarship applicants. The committee will do the interviews, make a decision and then present the scholarship recipients to the club members at the May meeting. Presentation of the scholarships will be at Awards Night at the Ridgway High School on May 21. A sign-up sheet was also sent around for volunteers for Compassion Weekend, which is sponsored by the United Church of the San Juans on June 14 and 15.

Fund Raising: Shelly Bennett did not have any updates yet, but she will have much more to present to the club at the May meeting.

Compassion: Lil Frederickson was absent so there was no report.

Club Operations: Irene Stith said she did not have anything new to report.

No New Business discussed.

Old Business: Dues are past due. Members were asked to see Laureen to pay. After May 1, if members are not current on dues, their names will be dropped from the list.

Birthdays: Nancy Meyers 4/13 and Jean Bosworth 4/20.

Anniversaries: No April anniversaries.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:48 PM.

Respectively submitted,
Claudia Wolff – Co-Secretary

