

Fortuna Tierra Club Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2015

Meeting Place: Irene Stith's

Meeting called to order at 10:47 by President Irene Stith

Opening Comments: Thank you to meeting co-hostesses. Thank you to everyone who helped with the golf fundraiser: Sharon Kreutzen tournament organizer, Roze Evans fund raising chair, Peggy Spindler and Jan Kubek silent auction co-chairs, Mary Ann Guilinger publicity, Lish Sheppard and Kathy McLallen sponsor callers, Wendy Fenner posters, Bernadette Taylor and Barbara Lee silent auction. Also thanks to those who worked the morning of the scramble – Kathy Heinrichs, Dixie Bergman, Donna Jones and Kathy McLallen . Almost all Fortuna members helped in some way – sponsorship, silent auction donors, helpers, golfers.

Good News: Roze is back hiking after elbow injury, Kathy McLallen's grandson started school at Notre Dame.

Role Call: 19 members present and 3 guests – Sandy Hennessey, Peggy Connolly, Cat Lichenbelt.

Minutes from last meeting: Motion to approve by Shelly Bennett, second Jan Kubek, minutes approved.

Treasurers Report: Report was read by Irene as Laureen Kraft is out of town. Treasurer's report as of end of August 2015: Laureen reported the August 2015 income at \$9360 from Golf Tournament sponsors, Golf Tournament players fees, and CD/Money. Expenses totaled \$10,137.82 this month (scholarship checks, postage, PO box replacement key, and newspaper advertising). The month ending assets are: Checking \$10,613.37 and \$30,000 Shotwell CD, making total cash and liquid assets of \$42,286.42. The treasurer's report was filed.

Secretary's Report: A thank you note from Ridgway Elementary schools for the school supplies donation was read.

Committee Reports

Philanthropic:

- Mary Ann Guilinger reported that the 9 scholarship checks have been cashed by the respective schools. Scholarship recipients are Brian Felberg, Haley Burgess, Chris Williams, Leta McNatt, Sabine Lindler, Rose Dickerson, Quinlin McNatt, Alexis Dimpault-Darcy, Patrick Felberg. A total of \$10,000 was given in scholarships.

- Irene brought up the Colona Church Christmas donation. In the past FTC has donated \$100. A motion was made, seconded and passed to continue this donation.

Compassion: Lil Fredrickson chair reported that Elaine is recovering from her back surgery and provided information regarding Melanie Calbeck's son Mark who passed away. Lish reported that her husband Max had suffered a heart attack and is now doing fine.

Club Operations: Chair Shelly Bennett reported on new officers for the upcoming year: V. Pres- Mary McMahon, Secretary – Wendy Fenner. It was approved by the members to waive the 2 year member requirement for these candidates. Committee chairs for 2016-17 will be: Philanthropy: Mary Ann Guilinger; Compassion: Lil Fredricksen; Club Operations: Shelly Bennett; Fundraising: Roze Evans. Irene Stith will continue to serve as president and Laureen Kraft will remain as treasurer for 2016-17.

Fund Raising:

- Roze Evans chair reported the results of the golf tournament. Net profit was approximately \$11,600. Proceeds include \$2,965 from the silent auction, \$610 mulligans/miracle putts, \$8,025 from mail in donations.
- Sharon Kreutzen reported that there were 17 foursomes in the tournament. Going forward Divide Ranch will increase per player charge.
- Roze's recommends doing something other than a golf tournament to raise money next year. Some ideas are: Fun Run, Wine & Cheese at the Sherbino w/silent auction, just mail in donations. It was suggested that the event be held in Ridgway to involve the town in a bigger way. Discussion of all these ideas and any others will happen early 2016.
- Thank you's will be sent to all who donated to the fundraiser.
- Anyone interested in being on the fundraising committee email Roze.
- Opportunity to have a free table at the Nonprofit fundraiser event at the 4-H center the Saturday before Thanksgiving was raised. A motion was made by Vonnie K. and seconded by Sue to have a table. The motion carried. Roze will work on planning for the table.

New Business

- Christmas social-\$750 in the budget for the social. After discussion regarding the social it was agreed that it will be held the second Monday of December and the format will be a dinner with member and plus 1. Venues to be explored will be Divide Ranch club house, 4-H center and Cat L's home (last years venue) as a back up.
- FORS (Friends of Ridgway Schools) Group – FTC support for schools was discussed. A motion was made by Vonnie K. and seconded by Lil F. to provide a charging cart to the school at a cost of approximately \$2,500. The motion was approved.

- Ridgway Chamber of Commerce membership—Following discussion of pros and cons of the \$100 membership a motion was made by Sharon K. with a second by Pat M. to join. The motion carried.
- Discussion was held on whether to continue the 3 meeting/year plus a party format for FTC. Roze E. and Mary M. moved and seconded a motion to continue with this format. The Motion carried.

Old Business

- Planning for next years meetings –Meeting hosts will be needed, Irene S. will host the September meeting and hold a Board meeting with officers and committee chairs (old and new) in January or February. Sign up sheets were provided for 2016 meeting hosting.
- Fortuna website password will be changed to the current presidents first name. The new password will be Irene!!
- Birthdays and Anniversaries were announced.

Announcements

- Jan Kubek gave information on upcoming Ridgway events; Fiber Festival September 25-26. Moonwalk September 25 with fiber inspired art at the Resource Gallery. Another Moonwalk will happen October 24. The October event will be at Hartwell Park and be a family and kid event—volunteers are needed for this event.
- Lil F. announced that the Wine and Cheese for Haven House will be at Sue Wien's house the first Sunday in October. All are invited.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 following a motion and second by Kathy McLallen and Mary Ann Guilinger. Following the meeting, attendees enjoyed socializing and the delicious treats provided by the hostess and co-hostesses.