

Minutes 1/16/23 Board Meeting Fortuna Tierra

Meeting Site: Home of Ronna Edgett-Underwood

Members present: Ronna Edgett-Underwood, Julie Huun, Sue Wiens, Vonnie Kuijvenhoven, Eve Becker-Doyle, Linda Mogetz, and Mary Ann Guilinger

Ronna called the meeting to order at 10:15 am and **Vonnie provided the budget** for board member approval. Discussion ensued regarding whether scholarship money should be increased this year because there will be an anticipated 36 graduates from RSS this year. Typically there are not as many applicants as we would like and the money is evenly split amongst the awardees which frequently (though not always) corresponds with the number of applicants. Ideally, it was noted that we would like a more competitive process with say 15 applicants and 10 recipients.

Eve moved and Mary Ann seconded **approving the budget as stands with \$15,000 going toward scholarships (the same amount as in the 2022 budget). The motion was approved.**

Further budget discussion followed. The board agreed that the budget/finances should be moved on the website to the member section so that explanations of budget items could be clarified to members of the board at regular meetings to avoid any misconceptions about spending patterns. The board also discussed whether the middle school grants to teachers should be changed to middle school/high school grants. The thought was that they were awarded to middle school teachers only because we fund scholarships to high schoolers. Vonnie noted that the Shotwell CD will come due in February and she will make a decision about renewal because other accounts have accrued more interest than the CD. She will either partially renew it or transfer the funds to an existing savings account with a higher yield.

Board vacancies/committee positions were discussed. Kathy and Sue will continue with the Philanthropic Committee. Eve will step down as secretary and Julie Huun will pick up secretary duties. Linda agreed to continue as Vice President and the president and treasurer positions are not up for renewal this year. Ronna proposed for discussion whether the Fundraising Chair who has been responsible for the Fall fundraising run be split into two or more positions. The group agreed that this may be contingent upon whether we continue with the race for our fundraiser or switch to a house tour which Eve has proposed and researched. It was agreed to hear Eve's proposal.

Eve proposed a house tour with a more robust fundraising goal than the last one which was in 2012. The club did a house tour from 2005 until 2012 with the last one raising around \$2300. Eve proposed sponsor fees (\$250), house host fees (\$100), no food or limited purchased food at select houses, decreased volunteer time (no decorating), and increased ticket fees (i.e. \$75 vs. previous \$25). The proposal would be more in line with the surrounding home tour events and we would ask each member to sell tickets. The group thanked Eve for her extensive research and detailed proposal. The one thing that Mary Ann noted is missing from the house tour fundraising is the tie to the students and teachers since the club now solely funds education in the form of scholarships, teacher grants, and school supplies. There was agreement that the community might miss the run and that it had a tie to our philanthropic mission. Eve proposed dropping the idea of a home tour if there was not broad support, however, the board felt that

input from the membership at large should be taken into consideration. Ronna agreed to seek input from the membership at the February 13 meeting.

Ronna asked for input regarding social events. The following ideas were proposed: 100 Year Mine tour, Breakfast and wine tour at the Bachelor Mine, Montrose museum tour and lunch at Trattoria, Elk Mountain Resort luncheon and walk, Delta Museum and luncheon at the Grove in Delta, Gateway museum and luncheon or visiting a winery (Montrose).

The group agreed upon the **need to expand membership** and proposed an ad in NextDoor as well as an ad or posting with the Log Hill Village HOA. We will go ahead with this.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

"Parking Lot" issues for next meeting:

1. Decision on fundraiser event?
2. Ideas for social gatherings this year?

Respectfully submitted on 1/16/23 Julie Huun, Board Secretary