

Fortuna Tierra Club Minutes
Monday, October 13, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 AM by Mary Miller – Co-President, at the home of Lil Frederickson. A thank you was given to Lil for opening her home to Fortuna Tierra and to co-hostesses, Roze Evans and Jan Kubek. Fifteen members were present. One guest, Mary McMahon, was introduced. A motion to approve the September Minutes was made by Irene Stith and it was seconded by Lil Frederickson. The minutes were then approved by a vote of those members present.

Treasurer's Report: Shelly Bennett presented the Treasurer's Report for September 2014 because Laureen Kraft was absent. Income for September 2014 was \$9,423.71 from CD/Money Market, Golf Tournament proceeds, and cookbooks. Expenses totaled \$5,161.64 this month for golf tournament expenses. The month ending assets are: Checking \$14,536.53, Money Market \$2,435.98 and \$30,000 Shotwell CD, making total cash and liquid assets of \$46,972.51. The Fortuna Tierra Club Treasurer's Report for September 2014 was filed.

Committee Reports:

Philanthropic: Cher Mitton was not present, but she passed along information that all scholarships have been paid now (still waiting for scholarship to University of Hawaii to be cashed), and Cher is looking forward to getting reacquainted with all Fortuna Tierra Members soon.

Fund Raising: Shelly Bennett presented the Golf Tournament results:

Gross Profit = \$10,995

Net Profit = \$10,338 (only \$63.00 less than 2013)

Expenses = \$657.90

Silent Auction proceeds = \$2,887

Raffle Baskets = \$1,030

Mull/M Putts = \$720

Sponsors = \$5,875

NOTE: Profit for 2014 forecasted at \$9,000

Compassion: Lil Frederickson said that Cher Mitton's brother passed away recently. A heartfelt Thank You note was read by Shelly Bennett from Laureen Kraft and family on the loss of their son, Ryan. A big Thank You goes out to Lil for organizing all the other Fortuna Tierra members who prepared and served the meal after the private family memorial service for Ryan. Lil spent \$175 on flowers for the memorial, and she still needs a check for \$90 to cover those expenses. There is \$230 left in the flower fund to be used in some way to help out the Kraft family.

Club Operations: Irene Stith talked about Fortuna Tierra Club's future and results of survey. Only five members replied to survey questions, so there will be no vote on the future of the club today. Roze Evans will send an e-mail out again today to all members. It is getting increasingly more difficult to find members willing serve as club officers (it is time for a new president and find someone to head up the golf tournament). Sharon Kreutzen graciously offered to head up the golf tournament again **if no one else steps up!**

Some ideas to consider for Fortuna Tierra's future could be:

Money has been raised for next year's scholarships, so should the club take a year off from fund raising?

There is \$30K plus in CD. Should we just give it all away?

Should the club meet quarterly with one social at the end of the year?

The club should probably waive the rules for President and other officers. But Irene didn't think we should change procedures now but rather wait until Fortuna Tierra Club decides on its future direction. When the club was founded in 1970, the club's mission was social meetings and raising money for the Fire Dept. This is a different world today, and Fortuna Tierra members need to decide on the future mission of the club.

At the November Fortuna Tierra Club Meeting to be held at Irene Stith's home at 11 AM on Monday, November 10, the club members will vote by written ballot on the future direction of the club (after voicing their opinions to the on-line survey to determine how the ballot should read). If members can't attend, they need to send a written ballot with another Fortuna Tierra member to the November meeting.

New Business: Sue Wiens discussed the upcoming Christmas Party in December. The club will not be open then, so we need to find another place to have the party. Possible locations suggested were Cimarron Creek Restaurant and the Sherbino Theater both located in Ridgway. We would have about \$15 per person to spend. Guest and future member Mary McMahon suggested using her large and lovely house and having Tammy Tuttle from the True Grit cater it there. Monday December 8 is the tentative date for the party.

Other Ideas Presented:

Stephanie West asked if Fortuna Tierra Club would want to take over Ridgway Cares. Jan Kubek presented information on the Ridgway Moon Walk art shows and the Public Art for Ridgway (PAR), including the Circle of Life Community Fountain in Hartwell Park (engraved stones can be purchased to remember a loved one).

October Birthdays and Anniversaries were noted.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM and social time was enjoyed by all with some delicious food prepared by Lil, Roze and Jan.

Respectfully submitted by,
Claudia Wolff – Secretary.