

Fortuna Tierra Club Minutes November 10, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 11:15 AM by Mary Miller – Co-President at the home of Irene Stith. This was the club's annual Thanksgiving lunch so a thank you was given to Irene Stith for opening her home and to all the members who prepared food. Eighteen members and two guests were present. A motion to approve the October minutes was made by Cher Mitton and was seconded by Shelley Bennett. The October minutes were then approved by all members present.

Treasurer's Report: Laureen Kraft read the Treasurer's Report for October 2014. Income totaled \$306.03 from CD/Money Market, Golf Tournament donations, FTC family support and cookbooks. Expenses totaled \$2,747.28 for scholarships and family support reimbursement. The month ending assets are: Checking \$12,074.25, Money Market \$2,457.01 and \$30,000 Shotwell CD, making total cash and liquid assets of \$44,531.26. The Fortuna Tierra Club Treasurer's Report for October 2014 was filed.

Committee Reports:

Philanthropic: Cher Mitton said that in addition to the club's donation to the Colona Church for Christmas baskets for the local community, Fortuna Tierra members can also contribute on their own. Shelley Bennett explained that Colona Church has been giving out Christmas baskets to many needy local families since the club began. The last scholarship check has been cashed.

Fund Raising: Shelley Bennett had nothing to report at this time.

Compassion: Sue Wiens is recovering from shoulder surgery. Nancy Meyer's husband Larry will have surgery next week. Irene Stith announced the birth of her sixth great grandchild.

Club Operations: Irene Stith suggested that Fortuna Tierra Club not change the procedures until after the club has met under the new quarterly meetings for the year and has the opportunity to see how the members like the new schedule.

New Business: Slate of officers for 2015 is: President: Irene Stith, Treasurer: Laureen Kraft, Vice President: Pat Montgomery, Secretaries: Claudia Wolff and Kathy Heinrichs.

Mary Miller left some Operation Christmas Child Brochures for interested members to pick up. Lil Frederickson said that Partners (mentoring group) needs some senior partners for the Ridgway area.

Old Business:

Results of the Fortuna Tierra Club on-line vote regarding the future direction of the club:

19 Yes votes for members planning to rejoin Fortuna Tierra next year

1 No vote for members not planning to rejoin the club next year.

9 Maybe votes for rejoining club next year

In Summary: The vote totaled 26 members planning to rejoin or maybe rejoin next year and one member not planning to rejoin. If Fortuna Tierra goes to 3 meetings and one social per year and does not do a fund raiser this year, the 1 No vote remained No and of the 9 Maybe votes, 2 members said maybe they would rejoin and 1 maybe member said yes they would rejoin.

Irene Stith made a motion to revisit having a fund raiser for 2015 at the March or June meeting because there are some good reasons to have one.

There is one member not present at this meeting who might be willing to chair another fund raiser. Sharon Kreutzen said most of the money for the golf fund raiser comes from hole sponsorships. Sharon seconded the motion and it was passed by members present. Whenever the club does revisit doing a fund raiser again, Lil Frederickson suggested not doing baskets because they are not cost effective as they take a lot of individual members' time and money to put together.

Stephanie West said the club should consider keeping the Silent Auction as it was a very cost effective idea this year. It was a very easy way for members to get rid of things that they would probably be giving anyway, it did not take a lot of time, and it made a lot of money.

Upcoming 2014 expenses already in the Fortuna Tierra Budget were presented by Mary Miller:

\$500 for the Ouray County Food Bank – It was discussed whether or not to continue donating this much money because the food bank now has a generous benefactor and some grant money.

\$100 for the Colona Church to do Christmas baskets (125 baskets were done last year)

\$750 for Christmas party which would be for approximately 50 people at \$15 each. The party is paid for from dues and cookbook sales.

Stephanie West made a motion to approve these expenses, and Kathy McClallan seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a vote of the members present.

The Christmas Party will be held on Monday, December 8 at 6 PM at the home of new member Mary McMahon, 3157 Ponderosa Drive. Mary Anne Guiliger volunteered to head a committee to help set up tables, provide glasses, decorate, bring appetizers, and clean-up after the party. A sign up sheet for members to volunteer was sent around.

Tammy Tuttle from the True Grit Café will cater the party. She will provide a buffet dinner (stuffed pork loin, glazed chicken, rice and vegetables and dessert, coffee, tea, water, silverware and any other serving dishes needed). Mary McMahon found some very nice plastic plates and napkins to use. It will be BYOB for other drinks and mixers. The cost will be \$15 each which includes tax and tip. Fortuna Tierra members will need to check the Fortuna Tierra website and RSVP by December 3.

November birthdays and anniversaries were announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM, and Lil Frederickson read a Thanksgiving poem and blessing. Then all club members enjoyed social time and a delicious Thanksgiving lunch prepared by many members.

Respectfully submitted by,
Claudia Wolff – Secretary