

**Fortuna Tierra Club
Board of Directors and Chairs Meeting
February 12, 2018**

Call to order: President Guilinger called the group to order at 1:10 PM. The meeting was at her house.

Present: These members were in attendance.

Eve Becker-Doyle	Mary Ann Guilinger
Roze Evans (arrived late)	Laureen Kraft
Wendy Fenner	Vonnie Kuijvenhoven
Lil Fredericksen	Cher Mitton

2018 Budget: After considerable discussion, the group selected budget plan A. This option included the following revenue categories and amounts:

Scholarships	\$10,000
Teacher supplies	1,300
Youth leadership training	400
Colona church	100
School supplies	100

Total income for the budget was \$13,761; total expense was \$17, 681.

VOTED: TO RECOMMEND THE MEMBERS APPROVE THE 2018
BUDGET AS PROPOSED (PLAN A).
Eve Becker-Doyle/Cher Mitton/unanimous

Member Renewals: A number of strategies were suggested. Ultimately it was agreed to email membership information to the Wine with Wonderful Women list. It is also important to have a process to contact existing members annually to ask them to renew.

The membership application/renewal form should have a place for the new member to indicate who referred them. Eve mentioned we could give a membership award or a gift certificate to the best recruiter each year.

Member Meetings: We now have member meetings four times a year, including the Christmas party. Typically Fortuna Tierra Club convenes on the second Monday of month. After considerable discussion, the following schedule was proposed for the next couple years.

2018: Jan 15, Mar 12 (Mary Ann G's house), May 8 (visit new Ute Museum), Aug 13 (LHH review & assignments), Oct (Gateway - spouses invited?). Dec 10 (holiday party)

2019: Feb 11, Apr 8, June 10, Aug 12, Oct 14 (outing), Dec 9 (holiday party)

The additional get togethers could be social outings. Mary Ann will talk about meeting frequency, dates and specific outings at our next member meeting and request member input.

Fundraising: A lot of the discussion occurred on this topic. Here are some of the questions and ideas mentioned:

Questions:

Do we need a second fundraiser?

Are the funds we raise not enough?

Who would agree to coordinate a second fundraiser? (We've had difficulty finding meeting hosts, which is a much easier job.)

Ideas:

Have a silent auction at the LH Hustle

Make baskets or make only one basket or don't make baskets

Have a no event fundraiser and just ask for money

Mary Ann will ask the members to give feedback on this topic.

Website Copy Review: A few changes were made as the board and committee chairs reviewed the website. Several accounting pages were removed. Becker-Doyle agreed to supply the following copy to be added to existing pages.

Fortuna Tierra Club believes strongly in good stewardship and is committed to seeing that funds it raises go to the causes it supports. We keep administrative costs to an absolute minimum. We are proud that our XXX rating confirms this and is well within the norms established for nonprofits.

The scholarship committee set aside \$2,000 from 2017 for future graduating classes, which are increasing in size. It is likely to do this again in 2018, based on these current class numbers.

6th grade	24
7th grade	35
8th grade	20
9th grade	25
10th grade	28
11th grade	25
12th grade	18

Chamber Raffle: It is possible the Ridgway chamber may decide next month to have a raffle for a Polaris Ranger starting in 2019. Some of the proceeds will probably be allocated for scholarships. Vonnie agreed that Fortuna would administer the scholarships, crediting the chamber for any they underwrite. Raffle tickets could be sold at the LH Hustle. School events are another possibility.