

FORTUNA TIERRA CLUB

January 14, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. at the home of Sue Wiens.

Opening Comments: Sue Wiens read the history of the club for the benefit of new members and guests. The club was founded September 26, 1970. Sue also read the current Mission Statement and an overview of how the club has progressed over the years. Sue introduced the new officers for 2013. Carol King noted that she and John purchased a second home in Arizona during her 60th birthday vacation trip.

Roll Call: There were 21 members present and two guests: Jan Kubek and Peggy Spindler,

Minutes: On a motion made by Irene Stith and seconded by Kathy McLallen, the minutes of the November meeting were adopted.

Treasurer's Report: Laureen Kraft indicated the 4-year CD at \$30,000; savings account \$9,982.38 and checking account \$1,846.44. The CD was renewed for 4 years and it was noted that the Golf Tournament raised the majority of the income. The money raised was less than the output, but this is to be expected. Dues have been raised from \$15.00 per year to \$20.00. Instead of earmarking dues for expenses, the money will be used to have a cocktail party in December for members and guests. On a motion made by Stephanie Gregory and seconded by Julia Johnson, the new amount of dues was adopted. On a motion made by Lillian Fredericksen and seconded by Stephanie West the report was adopted.

Secretary's Report: No report.

Club Operations: No report. This committee will be chaired by Shelly Bennett but committee members will be selected after a decision has been reached on what fund raisers will be held.

Newsletter and Member Books: Nancy Meyers was not present and is still recovering from her ankle surgery. Roze Evans noted that instead of having hard copy books all information will be sent to the members by e-mail via the internet saving the club funds. It was noted that information on the FTC is available on a website set up by Jack Rierdan. A club website was discussed but no decision was reached at this time. On a motion made by Sue Wiens and seconded by Roze Evans, it was voted to use the internet instead of hard copy. A hard copy will be sent to those not having a computer.

Compassion: Lil Frederickson noted that Susan Watson's mother has passed away. A card from the club will be sent. It is not known if a charity has been selected in lieu of flowers. Lois Carr was sick with a respiratory illness and fell, hitting her head. She is recovering. Sue Wiens noted that her brother's stepson was in a snowmobile accident. He suffered broken bones and is recovering; however, unfortunately the other snowmobile operator died in the accident.

Fund Raising: No report.

Philanthropic: Stephanie Gregory discussed the possibility of changing some of our current donations. We have in past years collected funds and supplies for the Second Chance Humane Society; however, they are a 501C3 and have their own fund raising events. This was tabled and will be discussed at a later date. Club members are encouraged to continue donating on their own. Stephanie called on Irene Stith to explain the outcome of monies collected the Colona Church Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. She reported that the club raised over \$1,000 this year, the largest ever. It was then discovered that the church has elected to eliminate the Thanksgiving baskets due to the fact that there are many other groups covering Thanksgiving. They did distribute Christmas baskets. The money donated is to be used in the following manner: Half the funds were used for Christmas 2012 and half will go toward Easter baskets in 2013. The club will determine at a later date if we wish to continue collecting for Christmas baskets and if we will or will not support Easter baskets. Regarding school supplies Stephanie stated that it is a worthwhile endeavor as the school does require help. This was tabled and it will be decided at a future date if we wish to collect funds from the members or hold a special event to raise funds. Scholarships will remain a priority, the number and dollar amounts to be decided at a later date. Stephanie read a letter requesting a donation to go toward the expenses for a talented and gifted student program that involves a field trip to San Francisco. It was noted that Mt. Sneffels Foundation usually covers this sort of event. The matter was tabled until the club has a better idea of our fundraising plans for the coming year.

Old Business: Cher Mitton reported that the quilt was won by a woman in Arvada and has been delivered. A total of \$1,094.53 was raised. This amount was below the amount which was anticipated. This project may be done again some time in the future.

New Business: Sue Wiens announced that the members were requested to do some "brainstorming". Any suggestion could be made on any matter, i.e. how to make our meetings more fun, fund raising ideas, any suggestion that comes to mind. They could be verbal or written and you need not sign your name. The suggestions were to be taken down by Mary Miller and discussed at a future meeting of the officers. These suggestions will not be a part of the minutes.

Birthdays and Anniversaries were acknowledged by Sue Wiens.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a..m. followed by a delicious lunch. Many members enjoyed snowshoeing while others remained in the house and played Bridge and Mexican Train.

All meetings, except February, have assigned hostesses. A hostess for February is being sought.

Respectfully submitted, Irene Stith, Secretary Pro-tem