

## **Fortuna Tierra Club Meeting Minutes**

### **March 9, 2015**

The Fortuna Tierra Club (FTC) Meeting was called to order by President - Irene Stith at 10:35 AM at the home of Mary McMahon. Twelve members and two guests, Alicia Sheppard and Dixie Bergman, were present. A motion to approve the November 10, 2014 Minutes was made by Sandy Richmond, seconded by Cher Mitton and passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Laureen Kraft joined the meeting by telephone as she was in Texas. Irene read the Treasurer's Report and Graph prepared by Laureen. There were no questions or corrections; therefore the Budget was filed as presented. (A copy of the FTC 2015 Budget and Graph is attached to these Minutes).

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Philanthropic:** Cher Mitton met with the new counselor for Ridgway High School, Ms. Baskfield. This year some of the students want hard copies of the scholarship applications. Cher has typed up a new scholarship letter to be sent to all Ridgway High School seniors as soon as possible, because the interviews for scholarships will be in late April or early May (a copy of this letter is attached to these Minutes). The scholarships will be announced at the Awards Banquet in late May. Since the scholarship winners will have to be chosen before the next FTC Meeting in June, a motion was made by Kathy McLallen, seconded by Mary McMahon and passed unanimously to authorize Cher and her committee to select scholarship winners for FTC.

Cher Mitton asked if the club should change the focus of the scholarships from only high school seniors going on to higher education to also include the needs of younger elementary aged students. Ms. Baskfield was the elementary school counselor before working at the high school. Cher will ask her to explore other needs. Cher said that FTC became a non-profit organization many years ago so that the club could be a philanthropic club and not just a social club. She thinks that FTC is now at a crossroads. Irene Stith noted that all members need to decide which direction they want the club to go in the future (philanthropic versus social or maybe some of both), and be prepared to continue a discussion of this at the upcoming June meeting. Irene Stith pointed out that a majority of club members voted not to have a fund raiser this year, but a number of members might still consider having one. This would have to be decided at the June meeting, if someone volunteers to be Fund Raising Chairman. Some members believe that if we do not have a fund raiser this year, it will be very difficult to initiate fund raisers again in the future.

**Compassion:** Lil Frederickson was not present; therefore Irene Stith noted Elaine Wyers' recovery from successful neck surgery. A get well card was set.

**Club Operations:** Shelly Bennett doesn't see any changes with club operations for a while. We should adopt a "wait and see" attitude until the focus of the club's future is more defined.

**New Business:** Cher Mitton said "maybe" to hostessing the meeting at her house for June 8, 2015, and Shelly Bennett offered to be back-up. A number of club members volunteered to co-hostess with Cher. Mary Ann Guilinger volunteered to help Roze Evans out with the website. Sue Weins presented the idea of fund raising by using Craig's List or E-Bay. We should "think outside the box" for fund raising now that we are not having the Golf Tournament or any other of the usual fund raisers this year. Sue Weins also reminded FTC members to check the FTC Website occasionally for social activities, such as hiking or book discussions.

**Old Business:** A notice was received from US Bank informing FTC that our grant application has been rejected.

**Birthdays and Anniversaries** from January, February and March were announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM.

Respectively submitted,  
Claudia Wolff - Secretary