

MINUTES OF THE FORTUNA TIERRA CLUB
May 14, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m. at the home of Laureen Kraft.

Roll Call: There were 17 members and 2 guests present. The Guests were Rita Benasutti and Lois Carr.

Positives and Good News: Tamora Thomas has a grandchild – a girl. Congratulations. Rena Gunn saw Barbara and Larry Murphy in Cedaredge and they said that they missed everyone and to say hello. Shelly noted that Carol and Bob Jancar are in Wisconsin working out a treatment plan for Bob's cancer. The prognosis is good. Bob has a website so you can communicate with him and he also posts updates. The face book page is "Bob's Place".

There was no meeting in April; therefore, the minutes of the March meeting needed to be approved. Sue Wiens moved, seconded by Barbara Piper, to approve the minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Stephanie West reported that there is \$793.00 in the checking account, \$9,808 in savings and \$30,000 in the 4-year CD. The amount of \$13,000 is allocated for the emergency fund and scholarships. Irene Stith moved, seconded by Kathy Heinrich, to accept the report as present. The motion passed unanimously.

Secretary's Report: Susan Watson was not present. No report given.

Committee Reports:

News Letter and Membership Book: Nancy Meyers was not present. No report was given; however, Shelly Bennett noted that books would be made available should anyone attending as a guest want to join the FTC.

Club Operations: Mary Miller did not have a report, but noted that at the end of this year we will be seeking volunteers for the positions of President and Treasurer. She urged everyone to consider volunteering.

Compassion: Lillian Fredericksen was not present. It was noted that her husband, Larry, is expecting to undergo knee surgery.

Fund Raising: Shelly read a report written by Cher Mitton, who was not present, on the progress of the golf tournament. At present \$1,600.00 has been received and another \$2,900.00 has been committed for a total of \$4,500.00. The goal is \$7,100.00 which will

equal last year's total. A press release has been issued by Rena Gunn announcing the event and to seek participants. She will also print the name tags. News releases will be issued starting in late May. Marsha McCall will collect checks for donations. All donors will be recognized in an ad placed in the newspaper after the event. Evelyn Ardoin is in charge of the baskets to be raffled at the event. She handed out a sign-up sheet and hopes to get 12 – 15 baskets. More homes are needed for the visiting players so let Stephanie West know if you can host a team overnight. There will be a dinner the night before, breakfast and lunch the day of the event which is July 10. Volunteers will be needed in all areas of the event.

The application to conduct a raffle has been mailed. The quilt is currently displayed at Ridgway school and will be displayed at the golf tournament and the Ridgway craft fair in August. Volunteers will be needed to sell tickets at the craft fair and other locations. If you know of an event in the future where the quilt can be displayed please give the information to the committee. Profits from this raffle will benefit the Ridgway School System by updating equipment, etc. It was noted that we need a flyer noting who will benefit from the sale of the raffle tickets and should include a picture of the quilt.

Joy Billings and Claudia Wolff are working on the fine art show and sale portion of the home tour. We are seeking fine art participants and you can apply on line at FTC.art@gmail.com by July 12. Booths will be 10' x 10'. The fee will be \$50.00 plus 5% of sales. There will be a booth for club members – there will be no fee but the 5% of sales will be in effect. A press release has been issued. Let Joy or Claudia know if you think of someone who might be interested in participating.

Philanthropic: Stephanie Gregory reported that after interviewing the scholarship applicants the following was decided: Divide Ranch Women's Golf Association/FTC - \$2,000 –Halli Benasutti; Richard Shotwell Memorial - \$2,000 – Jenna Beamer; Fortuna Tierra Founders - \$2,000 – Lauren Gleason; FTC - \$1,000 – Nicole Zaugg. First alternate: Ryan Parkinson; Second alternate: Audrey Jossi. A continuing student award in the amount of \$1,000 was given to Ryan Kraft. During the school year, \$1,000 was returned to the FTC from the college attended by Selina Hernandez and it was believed she dropped out of school. The \$1,000 was then given to the first alternate, Ben Zaugg. It was discovered later that Selina transferred schools and the college she had attended did not apply the full \$2,000 to the first semester, but split the amount. The parents were unaware of this until they received a bill from the college. At this point the money had been given to the first alternate. In effect, Selina did not receive the full amount originally awarded her. After discussion it was decided that \$1,000 would be awarded her as another continuing student. It was noted that if money is returned from a college in the future, the matter will be investigated before giving the money to an alternate. Stephanie West moved, seconded by Marsha McCall to approve the above stated. Motion passed unanimously.

Food and checks for the Second Chance Humane Society are to be given to Laureen Kraft. Those who did not bring supplies or a check can do so at the June meeting. Checks should be made payable to Second Chance Humane Society.

Shelly passed out a flyer which noted that the Ridgway School is seeking donations to finish the soccer field. They are trying to raise \$25,000 of which \$16,000 has been raised. Michelle Kind may be invited to address the FTC at another meeting.

Stephanie Gregory read thank you notes from Ben Zaugg for the \$1,000 scholarship and Karla Cline for the Youth Voyager Program donation.

Shelly read the birthdays and anniversaries for April and May.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Stith
Secretary Pro-Tem