



Sun City Photography Club Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes February 6, 2023

Call to order: 12:33 PM

Board members present: Allen Utzig, Marsha Larrabee, Tracey Smith, Randy Freeman, Jane McCabe, Jim Newkirk

Board members absent: Barbara Friedman

Club members present: None

Guests: None

Approval of minutes:

The minutes of the last meeting (January 9, 2023) which were distributed to Board members prior to the meeting were approved. (MOTION and second: Freeman/Utzig)

Treasurer's Report:

Randy reported that the club presently has 246 paid members. Marsha added that of those 246, 47 are brand new to the club this year. The treasury balance currently on record is \$5276 but Randy has not received the official numbers from December yet.

Officer Report, VP – Administration:

Marsha reported that Rita Johnston will be taking over from Sherry McRae as curator of the exhibits in the Activities Center until she leaves in May. We still have not found a replacement for Sherry's other position of Manager of Onsite Venues.

The club received an invitation from Rob Neff to exhibit in the St. David's Hospital Healing Arts Gallery. The exhibit window is August 21 through October 20. Marsha will be Rob's contact person until we have a Director of Exhibits. No theme has been chosen yet but 30 photos will be displayed.

The Georgetown Library grant proposals are open for their 2024 exhibits with a submission deadline of March 15. Allen suggested re-submitting our proposal from last year which had a theme of "Let's Get Wet." The proposal was not accepted last year but the library did not give a reason.

New Member Orientation for the club is this Friday, Feb. 10. There is a Sun City New Resident Orientation the following week.

In December Marsha and Barbara met with the president of the Computer Club, Jan Vromant, to present an idea about possibly co-sponsoring classes that would interest both clubs. Barbara had some follow-up meetings with Jan and Deb Peak who is a Photo Club member and also on the Computer Club's education committee. Discussions are ongoing as to how this could work.

Officer Report, VP – Education:

Tracey reported for Barbara who is on vacation, that the classes for February are not full yet so need to be promoted to club members. Tracey asked Allen to make that part of his presentation Wednesday at the general meeting.

Officer Report, VP – Programs & Events:

Tracey reported on the lineup of speakers for upcoming meetings. This week's speaker will be club member Jaan Goad on "Behind the Shot." In March, David Valdez will speak about his time in the White House as personal photographer for President George H.W. Bush. In April, Tim Babiak will present on natural light portraiture, and he will lead a workshop following the meeting. Later speakers include Earl Nottingham in May and Martin Byhower in June.

The field trip this month is to the Blanton Museum in Austin on Feb. 16 at a cost of \$12 per person. A museum guide will demonstrate what makes good composition in a variety of art media.

The Volunteer Fair will take place from 1:00-2:00 immediately before the February 8 general meeting. There will be four tables set up representing areas of Admin. (Technology & Exhibits), Field Trips, Communication/Publicity, and Board of Directors/Nominating Committee. Each table will have volunteer job descriptions for the open positions. There will be props and snacks on the tables and tickets given out to table visitors for a chance to win a \$50 Amazon card.

Marsha asked if one of the new display racks could be brought to the Volunteer Fair to hang photo frames as a prop for the Exhibits table. Allen agreed to help with this.

Old Business:

Nominating Committee – Allen reported that Carlos Rio has agreed to chair the Nominating Committee and Rita Johnston has agreed to be a committee member. Carlos will be seeking one additional committee member, possibly Walt Grabowski. Carlos will be at the Volunteer Fair on Wednesday.

Carlos had asked Allen whether the current board members planned to continue in their positions next year (2024). Allen stated that he does not plan to continue as president but would serve in the Past President position, relieving Jim Newkirk who now holds that position. Randy expressed that he would like to step down as Treasurer at the end of this year, and Jane said that she would also likely step down as Secretary after serving two years. Barbara and Tracey would like to continue as VP – Education and VP – Programs & Events respectively. Marsha hasn't made a firm decision yet but would like to move out of Admin and possibly serve as VP of Communications if the bylaws were changed to add that position. She said that if we find someone who wants to be the Director of Communications and that person could segue into the VP of Communications, that would be ideal.

New Business:

New Member Orientation – To be held Friday, Feb. 10. Marsha stated that the format will be similar to how it has been done before. There are 47 new club members but it's unlikely they will all come. The meeting will begin by having attendees introduce themselves.

Subject of the Month – Jane proposed having a photo editing challenge as an optional Subject of the Month. Members would use the same generic or stock photo we provide and edit it however they like, including doing composites if they want. It would not be a competition but a way to demonstrate how different people approach editing in different ways. This could also tie into the class Barbara will be giving on free editing programs.

During the discussion, it was decided that we will provide three or four photos of varying genres, e.g. landscape, architecture, portrait etc. for members to choose from for editing rather than just one.

It was agreed that we will have this challenge for the March Subject of the Month. For those who don't want to participate in the challenge, they can submit any travel photo. Allen will announce this at the general meeting Wednesday. We will provide a Dropbox link to download the editable photos and a separate link to upload the edited photo submissions.

Name Tags – Allen had contacted Robert's Printing to print more club brochures and also asked them about making name tags with the new club logo. They gave a price of \$20 plus tax for each name tag, with no quantity discount. The name tags that Darrell Hutchinson makes in Sun City are only \$8 but he cannot add the logo. If people want the type that Robert's makes with the logo, they will have to pay \$22. Allen will announce the option of ordering the logo name tags at the general meeting.

Club Banner – We also need to order a new retractable banner with the new club logo. Marsha will check Costco's pricing for this. We will need to design the banner with the new logo and possibly different photos to add.

Dropbox Issue – Jim Newkirk said that some members of the new Street Photography SIG told him that they had submitted photos to the Dropbox link but Jim hasn't found them. Marsha will check on this.

Adjournment:

MOTION to adjourn (Smith/McCabe), passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Jane McCabe, Secretary

Date of Approval: March 6, 2023