C v Minutes of PODS Executive Committee Meeting – July 15th 2015

* Election of Officers- November 2015 Committee chair positions coming up for election: Activities Committee Chair and Membership Committee Chair.

Winifred Simon would like to step back from her role as Activities Committee Chair. As these chairs do not have to filled as of yet it was decided that both the Activities and Membership committees should have a co-chair. This would allow Winifred and Phyllis to continue on in their roles but with help. Winifred will concentrate on gathering information on upcoming events and the new co-chair would be taking care of field trips and such. For the membership committee the new co-chair would help Phyllis in recruiting new members and be at meetings in case Phyllis is not feeling well.

We also need to look for a Secretary so that Laura Griffith isn’t taking on two roles for much longer.

There is also a huge need for a Public Relations committee to oversee advertising, keeping up with the various Dripping Springs publications and show announcements.

* Treasury Report- John Hoag gave us an update on the treasury which hasn’t changed much since the June meeting. Amount in bank at this moment is $1209.74
* Workshops/Education

Doug Gephardt raised the question of what is PODS role in relationship to education/workshops? He stressed that the original concept of offering PODS members workshops to help with their processing skills has been accomplished. He feels like once a month is too much and would like to scale back to quarterly. To fill the space we could start workshops with specified interests. i.e. beginner’s workshops, infrared workshops, going professional etc…. Perhaps several times a year we can offer a Welcome to Photography workshop to generate interest in the community.

* Website/Social Media Sites

Chris Wuestefeld will contact Elaine Wilson about taking over the website maintenance. If she is not able to do it we will need to find someone to update the site regularly.

* Wesley Gallery Show/ Discussion on 2015 Digital Show

We discussed whether to leave the show the way we have always done it or try something new this year for the Wesley Show. We are split on whether to try a Black & White show. Laura Griffith will ask the members via Google + and the July meeting what they would like to do. It was decided that we would have a uniform size restriction on the images but everyone can use whatever medium they would like. (canvas, metal, framed etc…)

We will need to budget for prizes, a photo book , PR and possible reception. Laura Griffith expressed a desire to have more PR done for this show. Possibly having flyers made up and hitting the social media sites hard with announcements.

* Christmas Party- it was decided that we would do a pot luck again this year with PODS supplying a main dish or two (ham and/or turkey). Tom Hausler is working on a space for us at the church. We have a maximum budget of $250.00 for the event. Ken Ziegler and Laura Griffith will work out the details for the party and recruit volunteers as needed.
* New meeting space- Tom Hausler has a suggestion of using the Holy Spirit Episcopal Church meeting space for the winter months. (the light in the space is not good for the spring/summer – it would be hard to see the screen for presentations). He will look into whether we could use the space for the November meeting and the Christmas party. Based on availability we can make the decision on when to have the November meeting and party.

Minutes submitted by Laura Griffith, Secretary.