Minutes of PODS Monthly Meeting – January 23, 2104

Nineteen members attending including: Phyllis Rummel, Warren Capps, Jennifer Kuykendall, Tom Johnson, Chris Wuestefeld, Alan Herbert, Dave Wilson, Laura Griffith, Michael Penn Smith, Ken Ziegler, Cathy Potwin Jones, Jeff P Jones, Janis Cowell, Lesley Marti, Doug Gephardt, John Hoag, Winifred Simon, Jaime Molina and DorRae Stevens.

One guest attending including: Chris Wiltens

The meeting began with a quick roundtable of introductions.

There is a need for a new committee that will handle the upcoming 2014 Digital Photography Show and the annual show at the Wesley Gallery.

The Digital Show is framed digital photo frames that travel throughout Dripping Springs businesses for a month (perhaps longer this year) and ends with a show and sale at the end. Trudy’s hosted our closing show and sale last year and has offered to let us use their facility again this year. The show will be April and May of this year.

The Wesley Gallery show will be in the fall and will probably run a week with an opening reception.

If there are any volunteers that would be interested in helping out with these shows please contact Michael Penn Smith.

Upcoming Events/ Field Trips

The Austin Gorilla Run is on Saturday January 25th, 2014. Anyone interested in attending there will be a meet up at the Whataburger in Dripping Springs at 7:30am.

The Hays County Livestock Show starts on Friday January 24, 2014 and runs through the weekend. Friday will spotlight pigs, cattle, hogs and chickens. There is an auction at 11:00am on Saturday. Due to inclement weather shows may be delayed.

The Artist Alliance of the Hill Country is having a field trip to the Bernini Sculpture Ranch on February 01, 2014. There will be a meet up at 9:40am at the HEB parking lot in Dripping Springs.

Ken Ziegler and Jen Kuykendall have been scouting locations for a night field trip with a possible light photography class held before. The field trip will be focused on photographing the neon lights of Austin at night. Field trip will probably be in February with details to follow.

There is still a need for at least one photographer for the Suits and Boots event in Dripping Springs. It is held on February 28, 2014 in the evening. Still working on how the photographs will be used and processed. Anyone interested in participating please contact Jen Kuykendall.

Recently there have been a few people that have left messages on our Facebook page for PODS that are looking for a professional photographer for events. In the past we have always handled these requests as a first come/first served basis. Do we still want to continue in this manner? Or should we direct them to the PODS website where they can pick their own photographer?

It’s been agreed that the PODS website needs to be updated. Lesley Marti suggested putting an album on the Facebook page that would show one photograph of each photographer (interested in participating) with a link to their individual website.

This discussion will have to be picked up at the next meeting.

Unfortunately we were unable to have our presentation tonight because the library was closed early because of inclement weather. Winifred Simon and DorRae Stevens will give their presentation at the next meeting.