Minutes of PODS Monthly Meeting January 24, 2013

12 members attended including: Michael Penn Smith, Ken Ziegler, Jaime Molina, Jen Kuykendall, Ron Millegan, Cathy Potwin Jones, Laura Griffith, Carla McCandless, Greg McCord, John Hoag, Tom Johnson, DorRae Stevens and eleven guests: Bob Cook, Judy and Gilbert Nicholls, Larry Alford, David Evans, Tom DeLaney, Winifred Simon, Janet Sanders, Marilyn Brinker, Sandra and Homer Gilbert.

AGENDA:

Michael Penn Smith brought up the need for creating a Public Relations Committee. John Hoag has volunteered to chair the committee. Motion to form the PR Committee by Michael. Seconded by Ron and Ken. All agreed.

The PR Committee task will be to concentrate on getting the PODS group more visible, get our name out in the community and to stay current. Michael Penn Smith has agreed to help John Hoag with this committee.

Cathy Potwin Jones presented the 2012 Treasury Report along with the Income/Expense Report. We ended 2012 with a surplus that will carry over into 2013.

Cathy also collected 2013 dues from members at the meeting who wished to pay at this time.

There was a discussion about our website and the need to have it updated and maintained. We need to find a webmaster for maintenance of the site, preferably someone knowledgeable in Word Press. Ken stated he may know someone who could help us out and will follow up at the next meeting.

Michael brought up the need for a Program Committee Chair. This would be someone who can help with setting up presentations and guest speakers for meetings. Currently seeking volunteers for this committee.

Activities: Ideas for the Year?

Carla McCandless would like to start coordinating for the digital show which would entail setting up the venue, etc…. The show will be May or June 2013.

DorRae Stevens brought up the Wesley Gallery Show and the need to follow up with the gallery so that we can start getting coordinated for that show.

There has been talk of possibly getting a show together for the Johnson City gallery as well and maybe getting some speakers from that area for our meetings.

Jen Kuykendall brought up the possibility of contacting galleries in Wimberley for a show there this year as well.

Field Trip Ideas: Enchanted Rock was suggested by Cathy Jones. Wildflower trip in the spring was suggested by Laura Griffith. Natural Caverns with the animal park was also suggested by Carla (especially for learning low light photography), Longhorn Caverns and the Cave with No Name was also suggested by Cathy.

Carla would like to know if anyone is interested in more workshops and/or field trips. The general consensus was a resounding yes. Some of the workshop ideas included Photoshop, lighting, cameras, software.

Marilyn Brinker from the New Braunfels Photography Club got up and introduced herself to the group. They hold their meetings the second Tuesday of the month and we are all invited to attend.

The meeting portion of the evening was concluded and was followed by a very interesting presentation by our Guest Speaker Michael Long. Mr. Long runs Austin Photography Workshops (<http://www.austinphotographyworkshops.com/>). His presentation was The Art of Seeing. It was a wonderful presentation and we would like to thank Mr. Long for coming out to the meeting and to Jen Kuykendall for setting it up.