Minutes of PODS Monthly Meeting – June 26, 2014

Eleven members attending including: Lesley Martin, Winifred Simon, Jaime Molina, Chris Wuestefeld, Terry Brim, Phyllis Rummel, John Hoag, Ron Millegan, Laura Griffith, Doug Gephardt and Ken Ziegler.

Four guests attending including: Diana Black, Debbi Gray, Ray Martin and Raena Wharton.

Lesley Martin, our new President, opened the meeting with a brief discussion on what PODS is for the benefit of our guests. Membership includes: workshops, field trips, entry to our two annual Gallery shows, meet-ups, Google Plus group, Yahoo group, Facebook, peer support and education. PODS photographers are also the official photographers for Dripping Springs.

Our guests then introduced themselves and told the group what their photography interests are.

Jaime Molina asked about the status of our website. It is currently being worked on by Chris Wuestefeld and Jen Kuykendall.

John Hoag (Treasurer) gave the treasurer report. At this date PODS has $1142.33 in the coffers. Monies were paid out to the photographers that placed in the 2014 Digital Show. Approximately $216.00 was used for a new DVD player which has been posted. Also, $700.00 was used for a new projector which has not been posted yet.

Winifred Simon (Activities Chairperson) has two upcoming PODS activities. The first is on July 12, 2014 at the Westcave Preserve. Please arrive at 9:00am for a 10:00am tour as this is a public tour and will be limited to 30. The cost is $10.00 for adults and $5.00 for kids.

<http://westcave.org/visit/weekend-public-tours>

The other activity planned is on August 09, 2014 at the Lake Travis Balloon Launch. It will begin at sunrise. More details to follow.

There are also several 4th of July events happening in Wimberley. They have a 4th of July Parade which is a great photo opportunity. Also the Wimberley Pro Open VFW Rodeo will be held over the 4th of July weekend. [www.visitwimberley.com/rodeo](http://www.visitwimberley.com/rodeo)

Lesley Martin gave a fantastic presentation on traveling and photography. She gave great tips on how to pack, what to bring, safety tips and much more. Thank you Lesley!