PODS 11-18-2015

Location: The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

301 Hays Country Acres Rd

Start time: 6:30 pm

20 people in attendance

Angela Johnson, Ron Milligan, Tom Hausler, Chris Wuestefeld, Greg Cook, Michael Penn Smith, Warren Capps, Jim Duke, Nancy Fierstien, Jennifer Kuykendall, Ken Ziegler, Doug Gephardt, John Hoag, Tom Delaney, David Wilson, Al Barrette, Drexel Johnson, Curt Vogt, TJ Molina, Winifred Simon

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Membership Committee needs help Chair Phyllis Rumell is requesting help Michael Penn Smith volunteers to help Phyllis

Meetings Committee chair Tom Hausler mentioned wanting help finding guest speakers and topics for 2016 and mentioned we will have Gruely as our guest speaker in Feb. but don’t have anyone lined up for January. Dave Wilson (also) speaker topics for meetings

Warren Capps requested a summary list for all committees and it’s outlined job specifications and expectations. Committee chair Ken Zielger was in attendance and heard of the request.

Member renewal if coming up.

Reelections/elections are approaching. should have been done at November’s meeting but will be done at a different date and time.

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John Hoag treasurer Talks about christmas and money owed to Chris W..

John reviewed the treasurer’s report.

pro rated dues if today someone were to join $5.00 and then $20.00 for 2016 Dec. pro rated if new member joins in December is $3.00 plus $20.00 for single membership for 2016.

Renewing now between end of Jan 20.00 and 35.00 for couple

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Tom D mentioned East Austin tours

Greg Cook talked about lost maples being a bust this year

-gain interest “life spectacular” meet at Pecan ST pub where our PODS/Amanda Smith print show is being displayed and then walk around and photograph Christmas lights. Suggested Dec 3

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New member Curt- We are working on getting him connected - Google+ etc.

Curt mentioned meteor shower tonight

PODS print show thru Amanda Smith gallery runs through Jan 18. 17 members have photos in it located at Pecans St. Pub in Johnson City. Thanks to Laura for taking the photos to Amanda

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Participating in the TX Night sky Festival Photography contest

Festival is March 5th 2016 search TX night sky festival for more information

Jim Duke speaks to it

DS is one of the darkest cities in Nation. Jim is part of the Austin astronomical society and highly recomends attending the festival. Laura will post further information on our website and social media at a later time.

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Thanks Jaime more PODS bball caps coming Should have them by New Year’s eve 2015. Costs and distrubtion details will be divulged at a later date.

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Christmas party December 11 7:00 pm at the Episcopal church at 301 Hays Country Acres Rd, Dripping Springs, TX 78620 Ken and Laura are the committee and will be soon to decide on the details and will give them to the masses at a later date. Please help with this committee. Reach out to either Laura or Ken.

 General idea was we’d continue the “white elephant” gift exchange this year as we have in the past..

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Laura will keep working on website she wants to move past minutes over to website as well as making positive change to it.

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 The business portion ended approx. 7:10

Meetting opens to a show and tell along with a trade/sell/barter session