**PHOTOGRAPHERS OF DRIPPING SPRINGS**

October 24, 2019 - Monthly Meeting Minutes

Location: The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

301 Hays Country Acres Rd

Start time: 6:32 pm

28 people in attendance (27 members; 1 visitors)

PODS President Warren Capps called the meeting to order and reviewed the Agenda and news for the evening:

**Agenda**

* Calendar
* Celebrations
* Elections
* Reports
* Guest Speaker – Tom Hausler
* Photo Reviews – Music(al)

**Calendar**

* Astrophotography Workshop

October 27, 8:30-10 pm

Jerry Moreno will head up this PODS Members Only workshop on astrophotography. We'll meet at the Walgreen's at the RR 12 intersection in the parking lot for carpooling. Equipment needed: camera, tripod and shutter release (unless you want to use your timer). Jerry will begin with an overview to the group, then provide individual instruction.

* Missions Field Trip

Tuesday, Nov 12, 8:30AM - 3:30 OR 4PMISH

Tim Graves reported that we'll leave the Drip a bit early (8:30am) and motor down to the south side of San Antonio to the Espada and San Juan Missions. Hopefully we can also squeeze in a visit to the San Jose Mission.

For carpoolers, we'll leave from the Home Depot parking lot (NW corner) and head west on 290 then south on 281, (or maybe 165), etc.  Plan to arrive at the Espada Mission around 10am, do our shooting, lunching,etc. and return to the Drip by 3:30-4:00pm-ish.

**HEADS UP**

* November Meeting
	+ **Wednesday**, November 20, 6:30 pm***(not Thursday)***
* December Holiday Party
	+ **Friday**, December 13, 6:30 pm***(not Thursday)***

**Celebrations**

* **PODS Support of Dripping Springs Songwriters Festival**
	+ **Cathy Potwin-Jones, Jeff Jones, Chris Wuestefeld, Warren Capps, Laura Griffith**

These intrepid shooters spent the better part of 2+ days photographing the multiple music venues and musicians participating in the festival this year. Accolades all around from the musicians for the thoughtful, quality photos.

* **PODS Expedition to Big Tree Ranch**
	+ **Patty Robertson, David and Elaine Wilson, Stan and Sandy Lehman, Warren Capps**

These members spent 3 days photographing the 400+ acres of the Big Tree Ranch on the Rio Frio near Concan, Texas. The ranch is made up of more than 20 different ecosystems and some of the largest Cypress and Live Oak trees in Texas – and that’s saying something. Their work will be used in supporting the conservation efforts related to the Ranch. This will be an ongoing project that will require multiple visits over multiple seasons. Other members will be welcome.

**Elections**

* November is the month for the biannual election of PODS officers
	+ We need a quorum of 1/3 of our membership - 21 people
	+ Nominating Committee
		- Michael Penn Smith
		- Tim Graves
		- Patty Robertson
	+ All positions open
	+ Terms are for 2 years
	+ Current nominations
		- President – Patty Robertson
		- Vice President – Doug Gephart (1year) or open
		- Secretary – Tim Graves
		- Treasurer – Tim Kasberger
	+ Also needed
		- Workshop Chair
		- Show Chair
		- Assistance with programs/speakers
		- Assistance with website

**Reports**

* Vice President – Doug Gephardt (excused and placed on the Injured Reserved list)
* Field Trip Coordinator – Tim Graves discussed details for the SA Missions field trip and gathered volunteers for carpooling
* Show – Chris Wuestefeld let folks know he will provide the technical support for future PODS shows but someone needs to take over leadership for the overall effort
* Programs – Nancy Hernandez asked for help and ideas for speakers for our meetings and emphasized the need for both men and women speakers
* Workshops – Patty Robertson updated folks on the trip to the Big Tree Ranch and the upcoming (10/27) Astrophotography Workshop
* Public Relations/Social Media – Michael Penn Smith had no update
* Membership – Dee Kasberger (absent)
* Tom Delaney – Reviews – Tom reported he was still working on the theme for the November meeting – to be announced soon

**ANOTHER HEADS UP**

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* + - **Wednesday**, November 20, 6:30 pm***(not Thursday)***

December Holiday Party

* + - **Friday**, December 13, 6:30 pm

**Our Guest Speaker
Tom Hausler: Traveling with Tom**

Tom provided a great photo overview of his several trips to far-flung parts of the world (New Zealand, Egypt, Alaska Wilderness, etc).

He advised that if a bear wants your camera, just let him have it.

**Photo Reviews – MUSIC(AL)**

Tom Delaney led the group through a review of member photographs reflecting this month’s theme –MUSIC(AL).

Next month’s theme = TO BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE

The meeting ended at approximately 7:58 pm.

Submitted Approved



Tim H Graves, Secretary Warren Capps, President