**PHOTOGRAPHERS OF DRIPPING SPRINGS**

January 23, 2020 - Monthly Meeting Minutes

Location: The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

301 Hays Country Acres Rd

Start time: 6:32 pm

44 people in attendance (39 members; 5 visitors)

PODS President Patty Robertson called the meeting to order and reviewed the Agenda and news for the evening:

**Agenda**

* **Calendar**
* **Help for committee chairs**
* **Reports**
* **Kudos**
* **Annual budget**
* **Program – Ralph Yznaga – “Storytelling Through Photography”**
* **Photo Reviews – “Your Favorite Photo of 2019”**

**Calendar**

1. Bee Caves Arts Foundation (BCAF) Photo Exhibit – at the Hive, Hill Country Galleria. 10 PODS Members with a total of 54 prints are participating. A unique aspect of this show is participants will be volunteering their time during the exhibit .

Reception was on Jan. 17th. Show runs through the end of March

2. Mercer Street Art “Hill Country Perspectives”

Reception was on Jan. 9th. Show runs until January 31st

3. “Portraits of Flora” by Winifred Flato Simon – at Linda’s Fine Foods in Wimberley - Show runs through Feb. 29th

4. Next PODS Monthly Meeting - Thursday, February 27, 2020, at 6:30 pm

**Committee Chairs**

* Our new Show Chairperson is Rich Everhart. Thank you, Rich!
* Assistance with programs/speakers: Nancy Hernandez could use some help. Everyone please pitch in on this by feeding your suggestions to Nancy.
* Assistance with social media: Michael Penn Smith would like some help keeping the social media pages fresh – Facebook cover rotations, promotions for events, etc.

**Reports**

* Vice President – Doug Gephardt had no report
* Treasurer – Tim Kasberger discussed the club’s new dues payment thru PayPal stressing that the new system will help our accounting process and better document the club’s finances. He added that several folks have used the new system and that credit card use is permitted. If necessary, checks will be accepted as well.
* Field Trip Coordinator – Tim Graves discussed the plans for 2020 field trips and that the target is to have 9-10 trips. He also discussed a preliminary schedule:

February – Austin Cemeteries (State of Texas & Oakwood)

March – Hornsby Bend Bird Observatory

April – Wimberly Glassworks and Blue Hole

May – Wandering Around (Kendalia west to the Guadalupe River)

He noted we will do the Bat Cruise in August and the WorldWide PhotoWalk in October. Other trips will be set as the year progresses.

* Programs – Nancy Hernandez reported program development plans are in good shape.
* Workshops – Jen Kuykendall discussed the plan to have “hands-on” workshops that will include instruction as well as shooting time. Also, some the workshops will be coordinated with some of the field trips.
* Public Relations/Social Media – Michael Penn Smith discussed the status of PR efforts
* Membership – Dee Kasberger discussed the new “push card” about PODS that has been developed and urged folks to grab a handful and use them as appropriate around the Dripping Springs community and beyond.
* Tom Delaney – discussed Monthly Photo Reviews in 2020 will contain a bit more of a critique approach and urged everyone to participate.

**KUDOS**

* Way to go Winifred Flato Simon for your show “Portraits of Flora”!

**2020 Budget**

* The PODS By-Laws Require:
	+ Approval, by the Exec. Cmte, of an annual financial report and budget.
	+ At our Board Mtg on Jan. 11th, the Exec. Cmte approved both of these.
* Income –
	+ Estimate 64 paid members @ $25 ($1,600); MEMBERS PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES IF YOU HAVEN’T ALREADY
	+ Estimate $800 from the annual PODS Members Show Fee income;
* Expenses –
	+ Christmas Party - $200
	+ Church Stipend - $300
	+ Liability insurance - $350
	+ Show prizes - $300
	+ Show reception - $250
	+ Speakers - $200
	+ Web hosting – $170
	+ Unanticipated costs - $200

**2020 Survey**

President Robertson encouraged all to complete the new PODS’ Member Survey before leaving the meeting.

**Program**

 **Ralph Yznaga “Storytelling Through Photography”**

Nancy Hernandez introduced our program speaker for the evening. Ralph Yznaga, long- time professional photographer and advertising storyteller, provided an insightful overview of the history of the juncture of photos and storytelling. He provided many tips on how to improve still photos to better show and tell a “story”.

Ralph also discussed the development of his book, Living Witness: Historic Trees of Texas published by the Texas A&M Press in 2012.

**Photo Reviews –**

Tom Delaney led the group through a review of member photographs reflecting this month’s theme – FAVORITE 2019 PHOTO.

He announced that the February theme will be “MONOCHROME” and clarified that a monochrome photo is “all a similar palette including black and white”.

The meeting ended at approximately 8:45 pm.

**Submitted Approved**

**Tim H Graves, Secretary Patty Robertson, President**