**PHOTOGRAPHERS OF DRIPPING SPRINGS**

February 27, 2020 - Monthly Meeting Minutes

Location: The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

301 Hays Country Acres Rd

Start time: 6:33 pm

44 people in attendance (43 members; 1 visitor)

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

**Agenda**

* **Calendar**
* **BUDGET**
* **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
* **KUDOS**
* **Membership Dues**
* **Program –Timothy Sens and Shawn Thomas on ”Contemplative Photography”**
* **Photo Reviews – “Monochrome”**

**Calendar**

1. February 27th PODS Texas History Field Trip – A quiet trip through Texas History at the Texas State Cemetery and Oakwood Cemetery. See details in the POD Members Only Facebook Page Event Section.

2. Bee Caves Arts Foundation (BCAF) Photo Exhibit – at the Hive, Hill Country Galleria. 10 PODS Members with a total of 54 prints are participating. Show runs through March 20, 2020

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, March 26, 2020, at 6:30 pm

**2020 Budget**

President Robertson presented an overview of the club’s 2020 Proposed Budget:

* 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 - $20

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the 2020 PODS Budget was unanimously approved by the assembled membership.

**Committee Chair Reports**

* **Vice President –** Doug Gephardt provided news on updates to post-processing software from LightRoom and PhotoShop
* **Treasurer –** Tim Kasberger reported that the PODS’ budget is in good shape
* **Field Trip Coordinator –** Tim Graves provided and update on the “Cemetery” field trip held today and reviewed the tentative schedule for trips for most of the rest of the year
* **Programs –** Nancy Hernandez discussed upcoming program speakers Russell Green, Deborah Cole, and our very own Tom Delaney. May and August are still open – ideas welcome.
* **Workshops –** Jen Kuykendall discussed an upcoming workshop including a trip to Inks Lake (March 28) for “shooting” and a follow-up session on Aril 4 for editing, critiquing, etc. She also let folks know that our very own Doug Gephardt will be doing an upcoming workshop on “workflow, trouble shooting, and organizing of photo collections”. She also noted that any workshops held in June, July, and August will be indoors.
* **Public Relations/Social Media –** Michael Penn Smith discussed the club’s new “push card” and urged its use to help inform folks about PODS. He also discussed Jerry Moreno’s development of an “Instagram” library for club member photos. He urged folks to send up to six of your best photos to Jerry or himself.
* **Membership –** Dee Kasberger let folks know that 2019 members who have not “re-upped” for 2020 will be receiving a friendly e-mail reminder and that the student membership cost is $5.00, not $15.00.
* **PODS Show -** Rich Everheart updated folks on his efforts to finalize the topic for our 2020 show and to find a location. Despite best efforts, contact with SKYE Cinema decision makers is proving difficult and he is working on other options. Ideas welcome
* **Monthly Reviews -** Tom Delaney provided folks with a complete list of monthly topics for the rest of 2020. He and Bob Wilson discussed and idea to recognize a “winner” each month and present that person with a small, but stylish, wooden trophy. How to make that award operational received a great deal of discussion and President Robertson announced a decision on the award would be finalized at a later date – all ideas welcome.
* **Immediate Past President –** Warren Capps discussed an option for making a photo book using FaceBook and passed around an example. He also let folks know that the Dripping Springs Library wants to have a photo class on “Beyond the Basics” in June (repeated in July). This would be a follow up on the class Bob Wilson conducted last summer related to the Basics of Photography. Please let Patty and Warren know if you are interested in helping conduct the classes.

**KUDOS**

Winifred Simon has 2 photographs chosen to be in the Wimberley Valley Art League show

**Program**

**Speakers Timothy Sens and Shawn Thomas –** provided a slide show and presentation on **The Art and Practice of Contemplative Photography.** The concepts of contemplative photography are rooted in the Tibetan practice of ***Miksang*** which roughly translates into “Good Eye”. There are five steps to the practice to help calm the photographer, focus on what (large and small) is in front of her/him, and capture what the “lion is roaring”.

Good stuff *about looking and seeing*.

**Photo Reviews –**

Photo Reviews – Monochrome

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

He announced that the MARCH theme will be ***“STILL LIFE”***

The meeting ended at approximately 8:53 pm.

**Submitted Approved**

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