**PHOTOGRAPHERS OF DRIPPING SPRINGS**

October 28, 2021 - Monthly Meeting Minutes

IN-PERSON MEETING

SV Cultural Hub, [4002 E. Hwy 290 @ Sunset Canyon Drive](https://austin.us20.list-manage.com/track/click?u=bd2a3f6d714f03edabfaebd9e&id=dee90e5397&e=08348628d5).

Start time: 6:35 pm

18 folks in attendance

After general howdy-do discussion mostly concerning how nice it is to actually be with people for our meeting instead of staring at our computer screens, our President, Patty Robertson, called the meeting to order:

**AGENDA**

One:

In accordance with the PODS Bylaws (Art V, Section 7A), nominations were made for the officer positions of the club:

 President Fred Cerkan

 Vice President Sandy Ryan

 Secretary Tim Graves

 Treasurer Tim Kasberger

Voting for the officer positions will occur at the club’s November meeting. *(Additional nominations can be made from the floor at the time of the elections)*

Two:

Chris Wuesterfeld let folks know that those who participated in the Songwriter Festival photo shoot should review their shots and select only the good ones to forward to the Dripping Springs organizers. How the sending of the photos is going to occur is still being worked out. Chris will keep folks informed.

Three:

Patty, our President, informed those assembled that volunteers are still needed as we move forward. For example, she noted that although Nancy Hernandez has stepped down as the official Programs person she is still helping with ideas for future programs and gatherings.

Michael Kersten has volunteered to take over the Field Trip duties.

Help is still needed for other positions. ***[PATTY – I’M NOT SURE WHAT JOBS ARE STILL OPEN]***

Four:

Patty discussed our club meeting location situation. We will need to decide if we return to the church or find another place such as the SV Cultural Club. There are issues to be thoughtfully considered such as:

* Size of location
* Lighting (no sun spots??)
* Cost (must be covered by current dues)
* Duration of contract or agreement with location operators
* ET CETERA

The Executive Board will be meeting prior to the next Club Meeting and will provide a proposal for consideration for the club members at the November meeting.

Five:

Patty discussed that she has notified club members that the City of DS has offered the club a free booth at the Mercer Street Christmas Fair on Saturday, December 4 in exchange for some club members photographing the event.

She noted that no one has expressed any interest in helping or exhibiting at the booth so we may pass this one up.

Six:

Our next meeting (in person) will be on WEDNESDAY, November 17 and the proposed program will include a “Swap or Sale Meet” of members’ photography stuff, a review of the members’ Songwriter Festival photos, and discussion of our plans for our Christmas get together.

Seven:

Our program for the evening centered around “Lily Pad” photos and the creation of “PhotoBooks” and was presented by Michael Lustbader and Carol Serur, respectively.

Michael shared about 20 photos taken at San Angelo’s Water Lily Garden. The garden is part of a city park and open to everyone at no cost. (Who knew??)

He discussed that lily pads bloom July thru September. He also pointed out several tips for shooting lily pad blooms and stressed the need for a high pixel-count camera so strategic cropping can be done and resolution maintained.

Carol discussed the reasons and methods for producing photobooks of our photos. She has made more than 60 books commemorating various events, trips, celebrations, etc. She does not mass produce copies (cost is MAJOR factor) but does produce usually 3-4 depending on who may want or appreciate one.

She has tried many publishing outfits and recommends the ShutterFly company’s newest production version on its website. Her favorite book format is “Simple Modern”.

The meeting ended at approximately 8:10pm.

**Submitted Approved**

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