**PHOTOGRAPHERS OF DRIPPING SPRINGS**

January 26, 2023 - Monthly Meeting Minutes

IN-PERSON MEETING

Holy Spirit Episcopal Church, 301 Hays Country Acres Rd

Start time: 6:35 pm

42 folks in attendance – 6 visitors and 36 members (WOW)

After general howdy-doos and welcome to the meeting, our President, Fred Cerkan, called the meeting to order:

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

One: COMMITTEE CHAIRS’ REPORTS

Fred started the discussion by letting folks know he would like every committee to have a leader and a “co-host”

Field Trip Coordinator – Michael Kersten let folks know that the 2023 schedule of club field trips has been posted on the FB “members only website – as per usual, the schedule is subject to change, but we have a good start. There is no cost for members. Non-members are welcome but we may charge a nominal fee for those folks.

Michael stressed the need for folks to respond to the FB monthly field trip notices to indicate who is going so we can have a good “head count”. The notice for the Wednesday, February 8 trip to the “original dripping spring” has been posted. In March, we’ll be visiting the Gallery and Museum of photographer George Krause in Wimberly (Saturday the 18th).

Speakers/Programs – Fred let folks know that Sandy (our VP) will be handling programs as Nancy Hernandez phases out of the job. In February we’ll hear from Dyhanara Rios concerning the use of Social Media for photography efforts. In March, our very own Michael Penn Smith will talk with us about getting photographs from “the camera to the wall”.

Monthly Theme Photos – In Rich Everhart’s absence, Fred let folks know we’ll follow the same routine as last year – using photos from the most recent field trip (those who don’t make the trip can use photos in line with the events of the trip).

Treasurer – In Tim Kasberger’s absence, Fred let folks know we have $2400 in the bank which will serve us well in 2023. Also – Tim K has sent out dues notices for 2023.

Membership – Fred let folks know that a membership survey will be going out to members soon. This effort will help us learn more about how the club can improve the members’ benefit from club activities, who is willing to help with club committee efforts, recruiting new members, etc.

Workshops – Our first workshop in 2023 will be on Saturday, February 4 and be led by Carol Surer. The topic “A Bit of Whimsy” will focus on the fun parts of using Photoshop.

Club Photo Show – Fred explained that the 2023 show will be in the late Spring and be held at the Bee Hive Gallery in the Galleria Shopping Center (Hwy 71). Rich Everhart is coordinating the show.

Club Social Activities – Fred let folks know that Ted Denny will be coordinating social events for us this year.

*Ted shared that he working to secure a supply of PODS caps. They will be $25 a piece and have the same artwork as our caps from a few years ago.*

Two: PROGRAM

Nancy Hernandez introduced our speaker for the evening – John Barry Williams. John has had a long career in journalism and has taken up photography in recent years. His focus areas include street photography, nature, and architecture. For a long time, his iPhone was his only camera but has now uses Leica cameras. He stressed that, like many of us, he needs to learn more about lighting and general photo processing but his presentation showed that he has an excellent eye, a knack for photo storytelling, and good framing of scenes that make the viewer want to linger a bit and see what all is going on in his images. Many thanks to John for sharing his work with us.

The meeting ended at approximately 7:40pm.

**Submitted Approved**

**Tim H Graves, Secretary Fred Cerkan, President**