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May 25, 2023 - Monthly Meeting Minutes

IN-PERSON MEETING

Holy Spirit Episcopal Church, 301 Hays Country Acres Rd

**Start time: 6:40 pm**

24 folks in attendance (21 members and 3 visitors)

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

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**1. President’s Report – Fred Cerkan**

Fred reported that:

* he would be circulating a Member Survey soon to solicit comments, ideas, etc. regarding the club’s activities. Please participate
* members should think about doing a program of their photo work (around some kind of theme) at our monthly meetings. Contact Sandy if interested.
* we are in the process of soliciting ideas for a new club logo – Elaine Wilson is coordinating that effort.
* we are planning a “scavenger hunt” for Fall 2023
* we will be having a Christmas Social in December and that we spend a bit of money to have it catered. Volunteers are needed.

**2. Committee Chairs Report**

Vice-Pres Sandy Ryan reported on several topics:

* Monthly meeting program development is an ongoing process. A special program will be presented in November by the well-known photographer Russell Graves from Dodd, Tx. (no relation to our esteemed Secretary Tim Graves)
* We are still planning to have new club hats, but the request rate is minimal – we may hold production until the new club logo is adopted.
* Our club workshops over the next few months will include – Lightroom Work (Warren Capps), Social Media (Dyanarra), Follow-up by Carol Seur on her previous work shop

Field Trip Coordinator Michael Kersten reported that:

* we had 17 folks attend the Bamberger Preserve field trip on May 11 – J David Bamberger dropped by before we left to say Howdy.
* our June Field Trip will be to the Zilker Botanical Garden in Austin - that will also include a Picnic lunch on the Garden grounds.
* there will be no trip in July because it’s too dang Hot.
* the trip schedule for the remainder of the year is on our club FB page.

There was no news from the following committees except as noted – Monthly Photo Theme, Social Media, Membership (working on new logo), Workshops (Fred C will holding workshops on “Critiquing Photographs” on June 19 & 30), Club Photo Show (Fred and Rich are checking with the BeerBurg folks regarding their “Art Wall”), Club Socials.

**3. Warren Capps (our esteemed Past President)**

* encouraged the club to develop an approach on how the club can best plan for the Total Solar Eclipse that will occur on Monday - April 8, 2024. Central Texas (especially the Fredericksburg area - 4+ minute totality) will be a prime viewing location.
* He also discussed new elements of LightRoom and Photoshop
* He discussed his annual trip to Guatemala (Spring 2024 – 6-8 days) and asked if anyone from the club would like to join him for a photo/educational experience.

**Warren then presented the evening’s Program entitled** **“Planning and Executing a Travel PhotoTrip”**. The program covered many topics, including:

1. Type of Photos
2. Gear
3. Don’t be the Ugly American
4. Research
5. Planning the Shoot
6. Upon Arrival
7. First Impressions
8. Themes
9. Color or B&W?
10. Portrait or Landscape
11. and don’t forget CLAP (color, light, action, pattern)

**4. Fred presented the** **Monthly Photos** from the Pedernales Falls field trip including his shots and those from Michael Kersten and Tim Graves

**The meeting ended at approximately 7:50pm**

**Submitted Approved**

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