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September 28, 2023 - Monthly Meeting Minutes IN-PERSON MEETING

Holy Spirit Episcopal Church, 301 Hays Country Acres Rd

**Start time: 6:40 pm**

21 members in attendance

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

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**1. Fred had several announcements:**

* + Jason Schwartz has taken over the PODS website duties from Laura Griffith
	+ Fred is putting together a Nominating Committee to develop a slate of people running for our club officer positions (election in November) – volunteers are welcome
	+ Dyhanara Rios will be presenting a 3-hour Social Media Workshop on Saturday, September 30th
	+ Warren Capps will be presenting a workshop related to new elements of the Lightroom software on Saturday, October 28th (limited to 12 attendees)
	+ The Kelby Worldwide PhotoWalk for PODS members will be held on Saturday, October 7 lead by Patty Robertson and Doug Gephardt (starts on Mercer – downtown DS)
	+ The PODS Board will meet on Saturday, October 14 *coinciding with the Annular (partial) solar eclipse*
	+ The Songwriters’ Festival in DS is October 20-22 this year – if you have questions about being an official event photographer, check with Warren Capps
	+ Our November meeting will be on the 30th – we’ll have our annual Swap Meet and a program with Russell Graves
	+ This year’s DS “Christmas on Mercer” event will start on December 2nd.
	+ The PODS’ Christmas Social is planned for Friday, December 15

**2. Field Trips**

* Michael Kersten presented several photos from the recent field trip to the Greek Orthodox Monastery in Spring Branch, Texas
* Michael and Tim Graves reported that on Thursday, October 19th, we’ll visit the Texas State Cemetery and the French Legation House and Museum
* In November we’ll travel to the “Cave With No Name” north of Boerne (date – TBD)
* In December no trip is planned

**3. Program – Jason Schwartz** discussed his background and journey thru photography work and focused on his 2007 book entitled, SkyBlue Pink. That work contains 365 photos of sunsets taken from the same spot, every evening of 2006 on Florida’s Gulf Coast.

***Before adjourning, Fred reminded folks that we will have a complete slate of 2024 Officer Positions available for election in November. Nominations will be made in October.***

**The meeting ended at approximately 8:15pm**

**Submitted Approved**

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