

The Woodlands Camera Club
Annual Volunteer Advisory Board Committee Meeting
January 13, 2018

Present: Becky Anderson, Bob Beard, Tom Boronow, Richard Chesney, Jean Drummond, Gerri Francis, Carlos Hernandez, Andy Howard, Joel Kiker, Bella LaTaste, John O'Brien, Kathy Oliver, Bill Park, Jim Patton, Don Peterson, Elaine Poulsen, Pete Poulsen, Carol Robinson, Mac Rodgers, Don Rueter, Marty Saikowski, Mike Schaffner, Vance Schwantes, Georganna Smith, Joan Tilton, Tom Tilton, Richard Vick, Shirley Voelker, Min Sook Walton, Ron Walton, Anita Wren

Our Purpose is to bring together people interested in exploring the wonder of God's creation through the lens of a camera. Members of all ages encourage one another and share their efforts to record nature, travels, people and memories. Anyone is welcome to join this club. We are here to teach one another through enjoyable activities and meetings, to make new friendships through a common interest, to support The Woodlands United Methodist Church through our photography, and to glorify God through it all.

Opening Prayer - Elaine Poulsen

Financial – Based on the club's end-of-the-year bottom line figure of approximately \$1500, and Linda Henderson's conservative recommendation for limiting our donation to Missions this year, there was a great deal of discussion regarding the potential increase in dues and future donations. Last year we spent almost \$3600 for donations and Harvey relief. While we are a non-profit club, Pete Poulsen reminded the group that our purpose (as stated above) does not include donations. The following was agreed:

Membership dues will remain the same (\$15/\$20).

We will add an extra line in membership forms for "voluntary contributions" to the club.

The club will donate \$500 to the Geezer Squad this year for wheelchair ramps.

Pete Poulsen, Jean Drummond and Linda Henderson will determine a bottom-line financial reserve for our club (for honorariums, equipment, events like the Harvey relief, etc.) and further donations each year will be based on that.

Members requesting refunds are to complete the Check Request Form (to be available on the website) before turning in to Jean Drummond with receipts.

Membership:

After some discussion regarding attracting younger members, it was determined that the 50-to-60-year-old age group (empty-nesters, more time on their hands) should be the group to attract.

All of us will try to find an Outreach Coordinator who will help advertise this club to the church (the Loft in particular), photographic classes at schools/college, the Villager, etc.

Everyone on the Advisory Board should make it a habit to welcome new members and visitors at the primary Monday night meeting.

Mac Rodgers volunteered to create a membership list. This list, without addresses, will be distributed to club members with a statement that it is not to be used for any commercial enterprises.

Volunteer Updates/information:

Regan Chambers – New chairman of the Set-Up Committee / Mentors

Vance Schwantes - Area Photo Events Calendar (This is on the website)

Anita Wren – Sends Get Well cards

Marty Saikowski now partnering with Georganna Smith – Welcome and Refreshment Tables

At least temporarily, we no longer have Volunteer Coordinators. Photographic requests will be posted on Facebook.

Workshops – Joan Tilton:

Don Rueter and Mac Rodgers have been running the last few workshops.

We will cancel scheduled rooms for LR I and LR II, and plan again for our 3rd or 4th quarter. We will offer these classes on a once-a-year basis in order to have the best interest and attendance.

Suggested future topics: child photography, weddings, special events, flash, workflow. Vance Schwantes suggested a set of photo books by Scott Kelby for further ideas.

Jean Drummond will schedule room B210-A for the fourth Sunday in each month for small ad hoc Mentor Workshops. (Comment –Getting any needed help with projector/screen/supply cabinet are to be handled by the requestor. All requests for the room will sent to Jean Drummond, and advertised by the requestor via Facebook.)

Field Trips – John O’Brien

We will offer during-the-week (e.g. bluebonnets, High Island) as well as weekend field trips.

Bella LaTaste requested that some popular ones such as High Island and Brazos Bend be offered in alternate years.

Our field trips will be coordinated with those of The Woodlands Photography Club whenever possible, so that there is no overlap for those who belong to both clubs.

Field Trip (and workshop) photos will be shown before the primary Monday night meeting.

SIG Meetings:

Fine Art of Seeing - Becky Anderson - Becky announced her upcoming (January 14th) meeting.

Processing Your Photos - Don Rueter – This year they will focus on LR Classic (not LR CC), Photoshop CC and some of their plug-ins.

Critiquing Your Photos – Mike Schaffner

- (1) They want to reinforce the difference between the Critiquing Your Photos SIG and Share and Learn. Critiquing includes: what is right? What can be improved? And Why?
- (2) They also want more active (photo submission) participation.
- (3) They are now submitting photos via Dropbox. (Comment: If this works well, we may start to use this method for the other SIGs and for the Share and learn.)

Learning to Shoot – Bill Park – This SIG will continue as last year. Bill requested ideas for new places. The January meeting (use of the flash) will be held at the church, due to cold weather.

Volunteers needed and to be announced at next meeting:

Understudies for Pete and Jean
Partner for Bob Gower
Partner for Bill Park
Outreach Coordinator

Mailchimp – Pete Poulsen explained the use of Mailchimp for new volunteers.

Blessing (prior to lunch) - Joan Tilton

Lunch was provided by Elaine Poulsen and Jean Drummond, at no cost to the club.