

Meeting Minutes

Silver Spring Camera Club Board Meeting

November 30, 2017

Location: Silver Spring United Methodist Church, 8900 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring

Start time: 7:00 pm; Adjourned 8:58 pm

Board Members in Attendance: Catherine Honigsberg, Bob Catlett, Tanya Riseman, Wendy Kates, David Blass, Andrew Rein, Pete Morton, Mark Paster, Phil Boyer, Sue Green, Dennis Freeman, Renee Schaefer, and Bruce Schaefer

Regrets: Larry Gold, Michael Koren

Attendees: Dave Powell, Becky Granastein, Gene Luttenberg

Committee Chair Reports:

Treasurer – There is a projected profit for the year end with a projected carry over of \$2,613 in the operating account and \$275 in the Honor Fund after the Award of \$370 to The Wider Circle Project.

Other Committee Chair reports:

Field Trips: Washington DC at Night trip was a great success--Details discussed for Trip to Mormon Temple.

Later in discussion, it was agreed that the field trip fee for non-members will go to their membership dues if they sign up at the time; Andrew and Phil will coordinate as field trip leaders.

Honor Fund and Wider Circle —Honor Fund granted money for the Wider Circle Project. Dave Mullen is the official recipient. Discussion of Wider Circle Portrait family photo shoot on December 9th; Michael, Mark and Dave have volunteered to be photographers. Several members volunteered for other roles.

PSA: Pete Morton reported that PSA has a lot of services members can use—for example, in education, there are on - line courses, competitions, and mentors to provide assistance. There is also a library of DVDs that can be used. In response to a question, Pete said the assistance provided is at all levels.

Pete also indicated that there are 500 Camera clubs in PSA, and that there are groups to share and provide feedback photos.

Website: Nothing to report

Cable Release: No report

Nominations: Nothing to report

Schedule: Reminder that there will be no Board meeting for December.

Maryland Photo Alliance: There will be a showing of work from the exhibition in Annapolis at the Statehouse; some of SSCC members work will be there.

Main Topic for Discussion:

Membership—Holiday Social December 7th.

Social is a pot luck; everyone should bring something. Sign-up sheet distributed.

Discussion of 32 members from last year who have not yet renewed. Several Board members volunteered to call former members they knew to see whether they will return or why they left.

Wendy: Wendy said she had sent Board members an email about the new drop box file. She encouraged Board members to provide her with emails going out so she could include them in the drop box. Members have to register for the drop box (instruction in the email); she said to let her know when you are registered and she will provide instructions. The idea is that information from Board members should be circulated.

Wendy also stated that she had obtained the membership information and was putting it on a spreadsheet—i.e. members interests, needs, etc. Her idea was to allow experienced members to volunteer to provide assistance mentorship.

(There was some discussion with a speaker saying it had been tried 2 years ago without success. but the consensus supported Wendy).

SSCC Meet up has 378 members; 20 joined this month. Most are not club members.

Renee: Lester Picker runs the Montgomery County Photo Meetup; it is a generic photo Meetup that only has events a few times a year. He wants to get out of it, and is willing to turn it over to us. There may be members who would be interested in join a physical club. Sue volunteered to work with Renee; they will get the list from Les Picker and follow up.

Sue: Michael is creating events in Meetup and passing them on to Sue, but she would like to fill up the calendar earlier so people can plan. She would like info sent to Michael through Dennis at the end of the month. Rene and Andrew agreed that info etc. will go to Dennis two weeks ahead of the new month, so that it can go into Meetup in advance.

After discussion, it was agreed this would be done—**the info will go to both Dennis and Sue.**

It was also agreed that reminders would be sent out the week before; this will allow club to stay ahead of meet up events.

Sue also asked for Andrew's and Phil's cell numbers, to put in Meetup, which were given

Constitution Review: Committee will consist of Phil Boyer, Bruce Schaeffer and Mark Paster. Mark wanted it to be known that he is not a lawyer. Phil and Mark will work on it over the holiday.

Liability Insurance. Catherine is looking into Directors and Officers Liability; she will submit info to get a quote.

Zed's Coffee House: Gene reported that they were willing to show SSCC work; Gene and Phil will check it out over the holidays

Projector: Discussion of not selling, but keeping for A Closer Focus.

Locking Cabinet: Renee and Bruce agreed to look into getting a locking cabinet.

The meeting Adjourned at 8.58 PM.