

Meeting Minutes
Silver Spring Camera Club Board Meeting
January 25, 2018

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

Start time: 7:30 pm; Adjourned 9:13 pm

Board Members in Attendance: Catherine Honigsberg, Bob Catlett, Tanya Riseman, Wendy Kates, Pete Morton, Mark Paster, Phil Boyer, Sue Green, Dennis Freeman, Renee Schaefer, Bruce Schaefer, Larry Gold, Michael Koren

Regrets: David Blass Andrew Rein, Norm Bernache

Attendees: Sheryl Adams

Committee Chair Reports:

Treasurer – There is a projected profit for the year end with a projected carry over of \$2,788 in the operating account and \$488 in the Honor Fund. We have 22 new members for a total of 86 members. Last year at this time we had 17 and 78 members.

Other Committee Chair reports:

PSA: Pete submitted our webpage for a PSA contest. He will submit our newsletter The Cable Release as well. Pete will ask three volunteers to speak at the next Closer Focus on their experience with PSA.

Programming: Renee reported we have speakers and judges through the end of the year. Renee is asking for assistance with finding judges for our portfolio review in an upcoming Closer Focus night. Pete volunteered to assist.

Field Trips: For the upcoming trip to the Basilica of the National Shrine and the Franciscan Monastery, Andrew and Phil were looking for some help leading the trip with experience of the location. Bob Catlett volunteered.

The question of non-members paying the \$10 fee at field trips was raised. Phil and Andrew to collect. Michael will look into pricing for Square to accept payments.

It was mentioned that a member had FONZ tickets and we might plan a trip to the Zoo at a later date. It was recommended that the trip be scheduled in late March or April. Phil will coordinate the date with Andrew.

Honor Fund and Wider Circle: No report

Meetup: Sue recommends not to use any formatting in information sent to be added to Meetup. No on-line pictures and only plain text will work in the latest update to Meetup.

We will schedule at a future board meeting to discuss how Meetup affects the future of our club.

Membership: There were updates on lapsed members and most were busy with other things.

Website: We need to pay the Bluehost and domain invoices. We need to figure out how to take out the double line in the MailChimp template in the footer. The Hunt's special links are not working when copied now with the update in Mail Chimp. A disclaimer will be added by Catherine when the monthly special is sent out that they are copied and not active.

Cable Release: No report

Competition: Larry has volunteered to fix the light box.

Nominations: No report

Maryland Photo Alliance: Event on Meetup for two speaker engagement on April 24th. If this event does well, it may cover the cost of next year's membership. There are now 12 clubs.

Constitution Review: Phil distributed proposed corrections to the Constitution. The Board will review the proposed changes and we will set aside a large block of time in the next agenda for February's board meeting to discuss and present the changes in March to the membership. Board members who wish to suggest changes/additions should submit them to Phil or Mark before the next board meeting.

Year-End Event: Tanya will begin looking for the judge. Membership is to start looking for door prizes.

Main Topic for Discussion:

Liability Insurance. Catherine presented a quote for Directors insurance. Bruce will look at our projected budget to see how this could be paid for and present findings at the next board meeting.

Zed's Coffee House: Gene reported that they were willing to show SSCC work; Gene and Phil will check it out over the holidays – No report

Projector: Discussion of not selling but keeping for A Closer Focus -Not discussed.

Locking Cabinet: Renee and Bruce agreed to look into getting a locking cabinet. **Not discussed.**

Membership Anniversary: Catherine will prepare certificates for the Year-End Event for milestone years of membership.

Coverage: Sue will not be present at the February 8th Competition meeting and Phil will cover the membership table that week.

Renee will not be present for the February 8th Competition meeting and Catherine will introduce the judge that evening.

E-blasts: There was discussion of the links not working and creating a new template. Dennis volunteered to fix the link problem. Mark and Dennis will look into the new template.