

FTLOA MINUTES-----12/01/11 @ Fusion Café, Longview

Club President, Doris Barrick called the meeting to order. Secretary minutes were not read as everyone has a copy via e-mail. Tony Sujka gave the treasurer's report.

Kris Hansen Sujka reported on the table top glass display case the club is talking about purchasing. Kris will e-mail the dimensions that we need to all members so we can watch for a good buy or a nice used unit. Costs for new range up to \$400.00 and we agreed that is too much to spend. The discussion was tabled until first of next year to give us time to search for a good price, new or used.

Doris gave the show dates for 2012 as follows:

Mt. Saint Helens Visitor Center: **June 11---22, 2012** (dates will be confirmed in February due to possible change in management of the center.)

Mt. Saint Helens Visitor Center: **August 13—24, 2012** (same confirmation as above)

Hoffstadt Bluffs , in the loft: **July 23—27, 2012**

Castle Rock Art Trail event: tentative for last week in June @ Mt. St. Helens visitor's center

Kelso Public Library, showcase: **month of March** (no exact setup date yet)

Longview Public Library, showcase & walls **March 28---April 18**

Doris passed around a monthly magazine called Country Pleasures to consider as a good advertising venue for the club. Cost were not discussed at this time. Doris is also contacting the tourist center in Portland about advertising for the club at Hoffstadt Bluffs and Mt. Saint Helens visitor Center.

Kris Hansen Sujka reported that Morgan Art Center showcased 24 artists in their November show and did over \$5300 in total sales. It was reported that the local Expo show had 60 vendors. Doris, Tracey and Mary participated in the show. Sales were fair but it was noted that better lighting was needed. Doris said there will be space for more vendors next year . The Mark Morris show had 20 vendors and people were buying. Tracey reported she did better at Mark Morris than the Expo.

Doris suggested the club send flowers to past member, Rebecca Sandford-Bean who is very ill. The members were in agreement and Doris said she and Terrie would handle the florist arrangements.

Mona and Kevlyn reported on the club Winter Faire. Mona said she was excited that Tom Paulu from the Daily News was going to do a story on the event. Flyers have been placed at Lord and McCord, Teigues, Broadway Gallery and other strategic places. Kevlyn said she had quarter sheet flyers if anyone needed them to hand out. Mona passed out parking info for the members but cautioned that the parking situation/ rules would change at the beginning of 2012. Parking is only monitored between eight a.m. and six p.m. week days. All handicapped parking is four hours. It was also noted that many stores in the downtown sector will stay open late on Friday night and those participating in the FTLOA show are welcome to do so as long as the coffee shop is willing to stay open. Mona/Kevlyn (can't

remember which) said if some members didn't want to stay the extra hours, they could cover their tables and leave.

Mona and Kevlyn explained the costs of the Faire and asked for an additional \$28.00 which the club agreed to give. Doris made it clear that from now on, committees need to stay within budgets since the club could have unforeseen expenses in the future and there is no club income between now and October, 2012 other than new memberships or small additions from credit card use when members pay to use the machine.

Mona and Kevlyn were going to talk to members who are in the Winter Faire after the meeting. Tony said that Mary, Doris and Tracey will get a breakdown of credit card expenses and get payment in December for the shows they did in November and used the club credit card machine.

The meeting was adjourned. Minutes prepared by secretary, Terrie Spindle. If there are any corrections to the minutes, please e-mail me asap. Thank you, Terrie