

Minutes of FHPC Meeting January 10, 2018

President Bruce Boyce opened the meeting at 6 PM and welcomed members and visitors. We had visitors from North Carolina and Iowa as well as returning member John Hemphill who has been away for some time.

Irene Beauvais volunteered to bring the snacks for the February meeting. Thank you to Bill Wells for delicious cookies this month!

Bruce announced that Leslie Donaldson has volunteered (some people never learn) to be the club Secretary.

Two committees will be formed: one to study and rework the Club By-Laws, and a second to discuss the club replacing or reworking the club's Website. Bruce asked volunteers to contact him directly.

A discussion of the upcoming February Exhibition ensued:
The annual FHPC Members Photo Exhibition will be on display in the FH community Center from Thursday, February 1 through Tuesday, February 28. There will be an Exhibition Workshop Saturday, January 13 at the home of Bruce Boyce. The address is 14133 N. Honeysuckle Drive, FH. Time slots were available and those interested should contact Bruce. The reception for the opening of the Exhibition will be held from 5:30 – 7:30 PM Tuesday, February 6. Barbara Zahno, Nicole Zenhausern, and Leslie Donaldson will manage the reception.

Bruce announced that the International Dark Sky Association has designated Fountain Hills as a Dark Sky Community, one of only 16 worldwide. Fountain Hills is planning A Dark Sky Festival for April 21, 2018. The FHPC is considering sponsoring a photo contest and exhibition in the FHCC in conjunction with the Festival.

Bill Kabat introduced a comprehensive listing of the meet-up plans for 2018. There are many wonderful opportunities ahead including a number of overnight trips that will guarantee great photographs and camaraderie. Each meet-up will have an event contact responsible for the details of the event and will be listed on the meet-up spreadsheet. Input from the membership is welcome.

John Barra brought up the issue of printed photographs falling by the wayside in this age of digital reproductions. He asked if the membership would be interested in learning more about the printing process and volunteered his time and expertise to help those who might want to do so.

There was general agreement that those wishing to share their printed photographs with the group do so and that the club will provide the lighted easel for this. The digital images slide show would also be shared as it has in the past.

The slide show began but was interrupted by a break so that members could attend the presentation of awards for the Fountain Hills Art League Juried Show. First Place in Photography went to Mike Isenberg, Second Place to Bruce Boyce, and Honorable Mention to Carol Carroll – all members of our club! Congratulations.

The slide show was completed after the break.

Mike Isenberg announced that noted photographer, Jim Hontz , may be giving a workshop on “Texture Blending” locally in February. Mike is working on firming up the information. He showed some examples of Mr. Hontz’ work as published by LensWork Magazine.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Leslie Donaldson, Secretary