

# Photo Arts Club September 2008 Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by the club's President Todd Grinonneau. Present were Treasurer, Al Henderson, Secretary, Wennie Anderson, Board Members Ben Anderson, Steven Stalker, Mike Essi & Ruth Rittichier.

Al Henderson presented a treasurers report and a membership count. At the present, the club has 56 members.

A list of members and the treasurer's report may be viewed by members upon request to Mr. Henderson.

Steven Stalker suggested that Al Henderson send out a letter to members whose memberships have lapsed, encouraging them to rejoin and tell of some of the exciting things that we are doing in the club.

It was noted that at the October 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, which will be held in the Toledo Botanical Conference Center, a guest speaker, David Kazubski will present a workshop. The subject matter will be

"How to Critique and Judge competitions." All five clubs in the council are encouraged to attend.

Future workshops and speakers were discussed and will be announced soon.

The Newly Formed Focus Group, lead by Joe Pizzutto will meet September 23 at 7:30 PM. This group will discuss members prints, what is good and not so good about the image and what could be done to improve the image. Members are asked to bring in some prints to be entered for discussion.

In October, several trips are planned. An Amish Barn shoot in Holmes County. This is on October 10-October 12<sup>th</sup>. The Pemberville Autumn Fest is October 25<sup>th</sup>. Many Photo Ops are there and the Fest is not that crowded. Carpooling might encourage more to attend these great events. They are both NWOCCC events.

It was noted that TJ Singh is the new editor of the Viewpoint. We will miss Betty Houston's work on the newsletter and we thank her for all that she did to keep the members informed.

The group discussed the phone and answering machine in the club house. This presents a bill of over or near \$500.00 per year and is seldom used. Most members now have cell phones. Wennie Anderson made a motion to cancel the phone and use the clubs website for inquiries. Ruth Ritticher seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to cancel this service.

Ruth Rittichier and Ben Anderson donated many photography books to the club. They are in the bookcase. A sign has been hung, asking members to take and read but to return in a timely manner. Thanks Ruth and Ben!

Mike Essi reported that he will be picking up the pace of getting the darkroom cleaned out within the next two weeks.

Volunteer hours will be checked on and be verified.

Several members have volunteered to teach during the “Improving your Photography” classes to be held in January of 2009. They are Ruth Ritticher, Competition, Ben Anderson, Digital Camera 101, an introduction to the class, Steven Stalker, On exposure, Todd TBA, Betty Houston TBA and we need at least one or more of our members to volunteer to teach the 6<sup>th</sup> class.

Our search for a small refrigerator has ended. We are now the proud owners of a cute and nearly new fridge. It is full of soda and water for the club’s enjoyment. The beverages were donated by the Anderson’s. Any other donations of liquid refreshments would be appreciated. Please bring these to the clubhouse.

Ruth Ritticher suggested that a group be formed to study “Photo Elements” to encourage those who work in with this form of printing enhancement.

October’s competition will be an assignment. “Red” is the subject and the photos will be electrically presented, either on a flash drive or CD. Todd Grinonneau will send out further information expanding on this theme.

Further review of the Audit and clarification is being conducted by the committee. Thank you for those who have already reviewed the books and the recommendations will be studied.

The annual contest was discussed and the dates concerning the contest are: processing of the photo contest, March 7<sup>th</sup>. The Opening /Award ceremony will be March 20<sup>th</sup>.

The light bulbs have been distributed to interested parties and otherwise disposed of.

Everyone is reminded to send TJ Singh any news, Photo tips or other articles to be included in the newsletter for October. Let’s support his efforts.

The meeting was closed at 9:15 PM

Respectfully submitted by

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