

Photo Arts Club of Toledo

November 10, 2011 Board Meeting

At the November Board Meeting of the Photo Arts Club of Toledo those present were Donna Gottschalk, Treasurer, Steven Stalker, President, Todd Grinonneau, Vice President, Wennie Anderson, Secretary, Cathy Douglas, Ben Anderson, T J Singh, William Rankin Board Members and Doug Sweet, Guest member. Absent was Deb Rankin.

Ms. Gottschalk announced that we are now 101 members strong with 7 new members and 3 dropped memberships.

She, as Treasurer, also announced that there is now \$6957.09 in the club's checking account and that the Insurance payment of \$375.00 has been paid for the next 12 months.

The changing our existing water heater to an "On Demand" type of heater was discussed. If it is less than \$200.00 we were advised by President Stalker to go with buying it for the clubhouse. He also suggested that we check with Joe Pizzuto on his availability and ability to install it for the club.

The darkroom and bathroom floors are still in question about if it safe to be on them. They are soft. The gardens have been questioned about this issue and they (the Garden's) were going to check with a contractor. No time was announced as to when this would happen.

The Christmas Potluck was discussed and it was suggested by Ms. Anderson that perhaps something other than ham could be on hand for people who either do not like ham or cannot eat Pork. It was agreed that Kentucky Fried Chicken would be also purchased for the entrée.

On the subject of the Survey that was conducted through email by Mr. Rankin, it was suggested that we again look at it to see just what our members want out of the club. He also suggested that a Mr. Steve Perry

would be delighted to come and talk with the club members for a half hour or so though I am not sure what his subject would be.

Mr. Fred Drotar of Monroe when approached agreed to come and show a 10 minute slide show on Osprey from nest building to the first flight of baby osprey hatched. These are beautiful slides and well presented. President Stalker suggested that he show these during the March or April first meeting of the month.

It was also suggested that Steve Gettle, Nature Photographer could be a guest speaker at a Spring Workshop perhaps in April or May.

We discussed the old pull down screen in the clubhouse. It was decided that the screen is old and does not show colors the way a newer screen would. We decided to take it down and store it in the clubhouse attic for now and use the screen that Doug Sweet purchased for us using the clubs funding.

Heralding the Holiday cleanup of the clubhouse was briefly discussed and members who volunteered to help will meet after the Studio Group which is going to meet November 12th. The Studio group will work to see if there is a favorable way to take pictures of visitors during Heralding the Holidays.

Ms. Anderson said she was having difficulty getting members to sign up to work during this 3 day event.

The contest folder was gone over and changes to make it easier to understand for our contestants was either added or changed such as a definition of Fauna or Flora. The final tweak should be great with the changes.

At 8:55 a motion to bring the meeting to close was made by Ben Anderson and Seconded by Donna Gottschalk.

Additions, Deletions or Corrections will be made in the December Board Minutes.

Submitted by Wennie Anderson

Secretary of the Photo Arts Club of Toledo