South Texas Cattlewomen Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 20, 2024 The Barn Door Restaurant, San Antonio

Jan Elliott called the meeting to order at 10:16 am. and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to both the US and Texas flags. Kristal Upchurch led us in the prayer.

WELCOMING OF GUESTS/NEW MEMBERS

Paulette Keller – guest of Nancy Marion Bruce Gilleland – husband of Linda Willie Vrana – guest of Glenda Gaenzel

NOVEMBER MINUTES: Minutes were presented and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented by Linda Landrum.

BROADWAY BANK -Balance forward \$32,480.29

Deposits:

 Dues
 \$1,120.00

 Lunch
 980.00

 Square – Fundraiser
 865.80

Checks:

Trail Boss - Lunch \$ 974.86 Texas Cattlewomen Dues 1,895.00 Abigail Benz – MBA 1,000.00

Balance in Broadway Bank \$31,576.23

STOCKMEN'S NATIONAL BANK COTULLA - Balance forward \$86,492.31

Deposits:

S&S \$ 500.00 Transfer from Hondo 1,200.00

Checks:

Jan Elliott – Briscoe BBQ \$ 2,000.00

Balance in Stockmen's Bank \$86,192.31
TOTAL \$117,768.54

The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jan presented articles she brought of interest: Follow-up on "Out of the Darkness Article" regarding mental health in the agricultural community; A Jim and Valda Gates article; Flyer regarding "Chick Time Small Town" from Big Springs Childrens Home. Priscilla and Jan are going to Big Springs this weekend with Chick Time.

Jan said the executive board meeting in January was awesome and much was accomplished. Increasing the Miss Rodeo Texas contribution and increasing dues were discussed. Let her and/or executive members know your opinions.

Catherine McIntyre announced the Museum of Western Art in Kerrville is displaying her mother's (Susanne Vincent) collection of art of scenes from their family's ranch. It will run through March 2.

NEW BUSINESS

Jan announced over 2/3 of the Miss Rodeo America contestants completed the MBA. She suggested we increase our award to \$1,500.00 from the \$1,000.00 we already contribute. She has a thank you letter from this year's winner. Merrill Ellis moved we increase the contribution, Jama Brown seconded. The motion passed.

Jan said Diana has left her position as VP of Membership. We still need someone to take her place.

Jan said "Night of Artists" at the Briscoe will be March 22-23 and Hostess volunteers are needed.

Jan suggested using the Farm Bureau website for election news.

Jan discussed her and Holly's visit to South Texas Childrens Home and that they have recently acquired Bluebonnet (mothers with children) and are doing very well, and don't accept State or Federal money.

Jan mentioned we have not yet sent Big Springs any money this year, and they also have only 16 children as they are having a hard time finding house parents.

Jan said South Texans Property Rights Association meeting is today in Cotulla.

OLD BUSINESS

Heart of the Vaqueras Holly said the fundraiser will be held at Quail Crossing Ranch in Hondo May 4 from 6 – 11. She had tickets with her and said adult tickets are \$75.00 each and children under 12 are free. A table of 8 is \$1,000.00. 1000 raffle tickets are to be sold. Elaine, Louise, and Priscilla sold 150 tickets at the Briscoe. There are over \$5,000.00 in prizes in the raffle, and each ticket will have 20 chances to win as there are 20 items. There will be door prize raffles at the event and a live auction. Several businesses are helping sell tickets including Rosa Zapata in San Antonio and Circle V in Carrizo.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 for Program and lunch.

PROGRAM

Anson Howard, Attorney "Carbon Credits"

DATE REMINDERS/NEXT MEETING

March 19 - Meeting at Casa Falcon in Campwood

March 22-23 - TSCRA/TCW Ft. Worth

March 22-23 – "Night of Artists" at the Briscoe

March 28-29 - "Song of the Shadows" UMC

April 16 - Meeting at Peggy Van Cleve's ranch in Cotulla

May 4 – Heart of the Vaquera in Hondo

Respectfully submitted by Susie Waitz