

Meeting Minutes

Date: August 19, 2015

By: Jean Davids, Secretary Monticello Camera Club

Lynn Anderson, president, started the meeting shortly after 7pm. There were 18 members attended the meeting, 2 of whom joined at the meeting, and 5 guests.

We started the meeting by having Heather Reinhart do her presentation on baby photography. She started by displaying photos that Katie Friedman had taken of her when she was taking photos of Katie's granddaughter. Then she displayed a variety of poses that she does with newborns. Showed how you can get a variety of shots done with the baby remaining in the same position and just shooting from above, side, and from different angles. You can also get different looks by taking close-up photos of toes, hands, face, etc. She does most of her photo shoots at the parent's home since this keeps the baby most comfortable. She has them turn up the temp to 85 or she has a space heater she brings in. The warm temp makes the baby drowsy so that it will be less stressful to do the photo shoot on the baby. She also brought in some photos of 3-9 month olds that she has taken photos of as well. She brought in a wide assortment of props and her most used background, a soft wooly looking white/beige type of fabric that works really well as a backdrop. She brought in a basket she uses to pose them in as well as a few other items. Bob and Val Somerville brought in their daughter Betsy and her daughter Kenzie so that Heather could make use of her as a subject to show posing. It was an excellent presentation that included a handout. I asked if we could share that handout through these meeting minutes so you will find a link to that on our website in the same location as the link to these meeting minutes. Thanks Heather for allowing us to share this information with the members who could not attend.

Our assignment for this month was People. We had 8 people send in images to project but 1 had the email arrive too late to be displayed. Ken Kvam had also sent in images but was not in attendance so these were not displayed either. Perhaps we can display them at the next meeting.

Lisa Tetzlaff shared her photos and thoughts regarding her Costa Rico adventure. She did a slideshow presentation of her images, which were excellent. Made us all long to be walking those sandy beaches. Thanks Lisa for doing this.

Bob Somerville asked the group about whether they would be interested in attending a one day class by Bryan Hansel if he could get him down here to speak to the camera club. Bryan operates out of Grand Marais and specializes in landscape, portrait and commercial photography. Bob has taken classes from him there and was impressed with him. Bob was guessing at pricing of around \$75-150 for a class. Having people attend a class would make it worth Bryan's while to come down to work with us. Not having enough information about what kind of class and exact cost made it a very non-committal discussion. It was agreed that Bob and Jean would work on a survey to submit to the membership to find out what interest there would be and what topic and price point people would be interested in. Bryan's website is: <http://www.bryanhansel.com>

Lisa Tetzlaff reminded people of the Arts Alliance photo display and Macro Photography class going on in Elk River. The Photo class was held on Saturday, 8/22, and taught by John Pennoyer. *(Note: I attended, as did at least 3 other members of our club. It was a good class that lasted about 4 hours.)*

The meeting broke up around 8:45 pm.