

Meeting Minutes

Date: June 20, 2018

Date: June 25, 2018

By: Jean Davids, Secretary Monticello Camera Club

The meeting began shortly after 7:05 pm and was presided over by our new President Heather Reinhart. There were 18 current members and 2 new members joined making our total 20 for this meeting.

The assignment was “springtime and/or birds”. We had a lot of great photo submissions by 7 members this time. Thank you all for sharing.

Steve Fowler presented the topic of Art in Photography. He referred to it as the “abstract aspects of photography”. He talked about Art Wolf and his training program on Creative Live called “Create Art Through Photography”. We then viewed his 20-minute chapter on “Elements of Design in Photography”. Here’s a summary of what I managed to write down about it:

- Look for patterns, lines, and/or textures
- Start in close and then move out
- Make every corner of the image work for a photo to contribute to the greater whole
- Balance and movement of the eye is what you want in your image
- Assemblage – added elements to emphasize what the photographer wants you to see

Next, Jean Davids discussed starting up the Agenda Committee again as it has been more of a burden directly on her to push the agenda forward since we stopped having a committee. This time she hopes to make it truly a committee effort for coming up with ideas and scheduling them rather than it falling all on the chairperson’s shoulders. Everyone agreed to start it up again. Jean Davids volunteered to lead the group. We had 4 others volunteer to be on the committee. They are Anthony Hall, Craig Starr, Cindy Mendel and Kevin Juliot. Thank you all for stepping forward to help guide our club’s direction.

Jean led a brief discussion on what our club is willing to do as regards future Monticello photo show. Basically we all agreed that we did not want to set it up or lead it. We are willing to offer advice but we are basically burned out on it. Jean will notify Sue Seeger who had inquired about it with her.

Jean also talked about Sue Seeger wanting to know if our club is interested in having a presence at an open streets art event on Walnut Street on Aug 25th (2 to 5:00). She’s inviting all the local creative organizations to give them a chance to recruit and inform people about what they do. She wants to find out what we would like to do.

Cindy Mendel discussed briefly the banner contest that Monticello is having. Jean said she would send a note out to everyone about that. (Note: Cindy forwarded it to Jean afterwards and it was sent to all paid members.)

Anthony Hall discussed having issues accessing the club Facebook page. Jean Davids has since fixed his issue. If any other members are having issues, please let Jean know so she can get you properly added to the group as well.

The subject of photo programs came up as a general question and Affinity Photo was brought up, I believe by Rick Lockhart. He highly recommends the program. Here’s a link to their site: <https://affinity.serif.com/en-us/>

2018 Camera Club meeting dates and topics

July 18

- Assignment: Art in Photography
- Topic: Christopher Cline - Freelance artist who will share his work that depicts a man (himself) and his very large dog Juji
- Topic: Bob Somerville will give a quick presentation on how he did his photo “twirling” technique.

August through December meetings are being worked on by the current Agenda Committee. We have decided it might be time to do another survey that will include not only what interests the club has but what skills the members have that could be shared with the rest of the group. Look for that to come out as soon as we can get it designed.