

Meeting Minutes

Date: August 15, 2018

By: Jean Davids, Secretary Monticello Camera Club

First, I want to thank Larry and Anthony for helping bring in my equipment and setting it up for me. I also want to thank the others that showed up early to try and help as well. Thanks to Craig, Anthony, Larry, Sherie and Rick for helping take things down my equipment and bringing it to my car. If I forgot anyone, I apologize. I really appreciate all the help everyone has been giving me as well as the encouragement. My wrist continues to mend but it is very slow going; much slower than I would like. I will also need help next month at our meeting as my wrist should be in a splint yet at that time (hopefully) and will still be stiff and sore for a while.

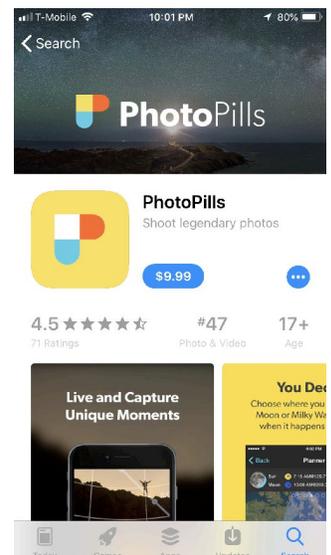
The meeting began shortly after 7:00 pm and was presided over by Heather Reinhart. There were 15 current members and 1 guest.

The assignment was “Photography Special Effect Using Photo Editing” and “Art in Photography”. Thank you to the 5 members who shared their photos.

Heather and Jean discussed the Monticello Creative City Celebration to be held on Saturday, Aug 25th, from 2 to 5:00 pm on Walnut Street near Wells Fargo and the Community Center. The club will have a display to serve as a recruiting opportunity as part of a citywide arts display. Heather and Anthony had to bow out of helping out for the full time slot. Heather can help with setup though. Rick and Sherie Lockhart stepped up to help Jean Davids with the event. Congratulations to Heather’s daughter who won Little Miss St. Michael. An event related to this is the commitment that came up for Heather.

Jean Davids will briefly discuss work of the agenda committee so far and results of survey. I’ve attached the results of the survey for you to review. We agreed that having slots for photographers to share their work would be good. That way we can have one person do a longer presentation or multiple people do shorter ones. Jean and the committee will work to implement this potentially for the October meeting.

The topic for this meeting was “Group Q&A – bring in problem photos or questions and have a group discussion of solutions”. The discussion got off to a slow start but then it got moving. Sanford Smith brought in a couple of night shots with the meteor shower showing in it some and asked what he could do to improve it. Anthony Hall offered up a lot of good advice but it was too difficult to document it all so perhaps a good topic for a meeting in the future would be night photography considerations. One of the concerns with the meteor shower was all the smoke and haze in the air from the fires up in Canada. This would impact this type of photography right now. Another item is that you need to remove all filters from your lens as the light entering the lens can bounce off the extra glass and impact the image. It is also critical to insure you image is sharp and focused. Anthony also mentioned an app that can be used on either iPhone/iPad/Android called PhotoPills that works great for taking any sort of sun/moon/astrological photography. I have included a screen shot from my iPhone so you can see cost/rating info on it. Kevin asked questions related to getting flat images when shooting in manual mode and how to best correct the problem. As I heard it, there were two basic replies I heard: bracket photos to see what works and practice, practice, practice...



The meeting ended around 8:30 or so.

September 19

- Assignment: End of Summer
- Topic: Jeff LaVigne will present “Mobile Video Editing” using his iPad