

Meeting Minutes

Date: August 21, 2019

By: Heather Reinhart, President

The meeting was presided over by secretary Heather Reinhart. There were 13 members in attendance and 1 guest.

The assignment was Photo Taken or Edited with Filters. Cindy and Kevin both shared their images on this subject.

Rick Lockhart presented on the topic of Still Life/Table Top Photography. He mentioned that you can make a background out of just about anything, including foam core, 4x8 sheets of Formica, flooring or paneling, and actual backdrops. He suggested stores such as Crafts Direct in Saint Cloud and larger art stores in the Twin Cities as good places to get materials. He discussed lighting and the different white balance settings on your camera. Rick said to make sure the light in the room matches the setting on your camera. We talked about using paper rolls as your backdrop and making sure to cover the paper to avoid the sharp angle that you'd get if you used a flat wall. He said for tabletop photography, you can use pieces of wood or fabric for your backdrop. We also talked about fill cards to get the light to bounce to where you want it and help avoid shadows. He shared several photos showing lighting setups and explained why things were placed in certain areas.

Discussion:

The group decided that we will move ahead with the gear sale as planned on September 28. Anthony, Heather and Cindy have items to sell for sure (maybe others too). Bob will bring some picture frames and matting to the sale. The club agreed that Bob's items were close enough related to photography that they could be included in the sale even though it isn't camera gear. People that have gear to sell will send a general list of their items to Heather or Jean so that Heather can get some sort of flyer/advertisement created. The goal is to have the flyer ready in the first week of September to start promoting the sale on social media. We can also print some off and hang them up around town. We just want to give people a tease of what we will have at the sale – not a specific list of items. For example, camera bodies, lenses, backdrops, flashes, filters... No prices will be mentioned.

We discussed the next two meetings on September 18 and October 16. Heather has reached out to two potential speakers related to Architecture/Cityscape and Low Light Photography and is waiting for a response. Jean has shared videos related to Architecture/Cityscape photography that will be used if a speaker cannot be found.

Heather is also trying to set up a photo shoot at the Rand House for late September or early October so that we can have a group outing to practice what we have learned.

OTHER NOTES:

- Rick could not get his presentation to load on Jean's computer, but Don had his own MAC laptop in his car so he grabbed that and it worked just fine. We think Rick's flash drive wouldn't work on Jean's machine because it was formatted for a MAC.
- Kevin took all the equipment and will return it to Jean. Kevin will not be at the next meeting, but Don offered to bring his own laptop/screen/projector to run the meeting if needed. He has all the necessary pieces. Heather also offered to get the equipment from Jean and bring it in September. We'll work that out when it gets closer.

Note by Jean: Jean's laptop was not used for the meeting. Macs can read FAT format but not NTFS.

2019 Upcoming Meetings

September 18

- Assignment: Still Life/Table Top
- Topic: Architecture/Cityscape (photo shoot to be done sometime between meetings in September/October)

October 16

- Assignment: Architecture/Cityscape
- Topic: Low Light Photography - need speaker or video yet

November 20

- Assignment: Close to Home - photos taken in your yard or out the window, anything close to home
- Topic: Lensball photography including refraction photography in general presented by Jean Davids

December 18

- Assignment: Lensball/Refraction Photos
- Topic: Annual Holiday meeting - bring your spouse or significant other. Discussion is whatever you like.

2020 Camera Club Meeting dates and topics

January 15

- Assignment:
- Topic:

February 19

- Assignment: ??
- Topic: Equine (horse) Photography - presented by Shelley Paulson from Buffalo, Shelley Paulson Photography. Paulson is an award-winning and globally-recognized equine photographer, and has been actively taking photos since 2004. <http://www.thedrummer.com/drummer/more-thousand-words>

March 18

- Assignment: Equine or Animal Photo
- Topic: