

GRAND PHOTOS
GENERAL MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2011

Meeting began at 2:00 pm.

Sue Maruggi, President of the Club, began the meeting by thanking Donna Eger and Liz Burke for all of their effort in putting together the first social of the season last night.

Sue told us all of the busy month we have ahead of us. The Oktoberfest, Grand Photos competition and the ACCC Fall Competition.

The agenda began with Steve Shank, Director of the Website. Steve explained that we are trying to transition from multiple emails to website delivery system. He suggested that we take advantage of the website regarding upcoming events, workshops and classes. He showed us how to submit a photo to the website for the running photo show. Very easy to do. Simply follow the directions on the website. However, the website can not except raw submissions. He addressed easier ways to be notified of changes. A weekly email will be sent to members with a link to the website. Second, is if you add your email address to the box on the right in the website, you will be notified, by email, when a change is made to the website. You do need to check for changes to a workshop or class, preferably the night before attending.

There will be a Blog Workshop beginning October 25th for three weeks. Next week the Grand Learning Center will begin a eight week class on new technology. Steve Shank will be the instructor.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Shirley Borman.

Jerry Weinstein announced the proposed slate of officers for the Grand Photos 2012 Board. They are:

President: Jim Smith
Vice President: Bill Graczyk
Secretary: Gina Evangelista
Treasurer: Margie Staggs
Director of Web Site: Steve Shank
Director of Facilities: Charlie Farrell
Director of Events: Judy Brockett
Director of Education: Bill Stuart
Membership: Sue Penney
Past President: Sue Maruggi

The elections will take place at the General Membership Meeting in December. Members will hand a numbered ballot and results will be announced at the meeting by Sherry Weinstein, Liz Burk and Jerry Weinstein of the Election Committee.

Jim Smith, Vice President gave a report on Education. Between classes, sigs and travelogues, there are 60 events. We would like to see 40 more events added before the end of the year. We still need instructors and encourage new members to be instructors. Sigs are up and running and the scrap booking sig will now become a class.

Darlene Eger, Events Director thanked Liz Burk, Donna Ahle and everyone who brought the great food at our first social of the year. Oktoberfest is Saturday and she is very pleased that so many volunteered to help.

Linda Mckean, Photo Shoot Chairman announced that Richard Cole will be heading a Photo Shoot to Sedona for the Fall colors. Check the website for date. We have nine photo shoots scheduled until the end of the year. Brady Conn's short shoots are being very well received.

Two photo shoots advertised for October have been cancelled due to lack of response. Linda is looking for input on ideas for photo shoots and how to make them more attractive to the members.

Sue Penney, Membership said we have 375 members to date. She is working on a new club brochure and making the membership form a separate piece. Gene McDermott has worked on this project with her.

We will begin prorating membership fees until the end of the year. The fee will stay \$20 beginning January 2012.

Stan Borman, PSA representative stated that we had a large delegation attend the convention in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Sherry Weinstein received two honorable mentions. Next year's convention will be October 16-22 in San Francisco and encouraged all to try and attend. Stan is involved in the PSA Interclub Competitions and is working on representation from Grand Photos.

Larry Linder, ACCC and Grand Photos Competition Rep told us that next Wednesday is the Grand Photos Competition Awards for the Fall. The next day will be the turn in for ACCC Competition, so please remember to pick up your prints. The ACCC Round up will be November 19th here at Grand. We will be hosting the round up with Dik Salbury as primary coordinator. The registration form is on the website. We look forward to great attendance from the Club.

Gene McDermott is looking for volunteers to take photos for the International Pickle Ball Competition being held in Sun City Festival on November 6th and 14th.

Arnie Becker, Fun and Friendly Coordinator announced this months winner. The winner was Lyle Patton. The photo will be put on the website. Arnie asked that members put an arrow on the back of the photo to determine which way is up. Next year we may ask that titles be put on them.

Arnie is also coordinator of the mentor program and encouraged members to contact him if you have a problem with your camera skills. We have club members who will be glad to help you.

The business portion of the meeting ended at 3:30 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Gina Evangelista