

Warren Photographic Society 7-23-08 Meeting Minutes

In attendance - Leslie Chishko, Joe Costarella, Tracy Steele, Kristina Truhan, Walt Unks

Leslie gave an update on the checking account status. She talked to Chuck and he indicated that he had already set up an EIN number when he opened up the account. She is trying to schedule a meeting with Chuck to go to the bank together. Tracy said he contacted Seven Seventeen, and they also require an EIN.

Tracy will send out an email reminding people of the shape/pattern assignment. This category has been scheduled for competition on Sept 25. All submissions for the category will be due by Sept 17. He will also let people know that we will be having a resize/rename clinic during the second half of our first meeting.

Joe and Kristina will send out an email letting people know they are chairing the Welcoming Committee. They will let everyone know that the first half of the Sept 11 meeting will be a welcome and get-to-know each other time, and they will ask everyone to bring a snack. They will buy supplies needed for the club (such as coffee, creamer, plates, napkins, etc.) and then get reimbursed by the club.

They will prepare a blank form with all the meeting dates listed to get a "goodie list" started. We will pass it around at the first meeting and ask people to sign up to bring goodies. We need 2 people per meeting.

We discussed the Welcome packet. Tracy will give the "12 Step" paper to Joe to make copies to include in the packet. It was decided that we will distribute a copy of the packet to all existing members as well as to new members.

Kristina also discussed having some sort of tutorial about our website added to the welcome packet. It could include such things as 1) how to make an account 2) how to upload images. She will work on getting it put together.

Joe will handle putting an article in the Review to announce that the club is beginning its new year. Joe will send the info to Leslie, and she will also submit it to the Tribune. Leslie will email Joe the picture of our photos being displayed at the Trumbull County Fair to include with the article.

We discussed the subject of which if any PSA shows we should order for the year. It was decided to leave it up to Walt to see what's available. He will try to get Tops in PSA and maybe a Chapter Showcase. Walt will order something.

Walt pointed out that Chuck should be getting a letter for PSA dues. We need to change the address for the PSA records.

We have only filled the 2nd half of our meetings for one meeting so far. We need to get the rest of the schedule filled.

Radiant Vista was discussed again. Joe has a worksheet from a Radiant Vista program which was held in Cleveland that some members from our group attended. He mentioned we could use that.

Leslie mentioned that no one ever brings their cameras anymore. She thought we should be bringing our cameras to club more often. We discussed having photo shoots at the meeting. We discussed having everyone shoot the same item and then compare the results. This could be done at the meeting or at some other location during meeting time. It doesn't have to be complicated. It could be something on the wall, on the table, in the parking lot, etc. She indicated it doesn't need to be a set up table shot. Whatever it is, it would help people to look at the current light situation and physical conditions and try to determine the best way to photograph it. It is more helpful to the less experienced photographer to have the problem right then, and then have someone available help or explain how to handle the problem or how to make the necessary adjustments.

It was suggested that we could all have to shoot the exact same item. The day, time, angle, etc would be up to the individual, but the object being photographed is exactly the same. It was suggested that we shoot outside at the Butler Art Museum in Howland. There are several sculptures outside in the front that we could take pictures of. Walt will see how many sculptures are there. Tracy suggested that maybe we could do a couple of the sculptures. This means that everyone shoots the same 2 or 3, not that they pick one of the 3. You could look at what time of day they chose, the lighting, and angle. We could discuss what we like and why. It was mentioned that we did something like this in the past, but it was different. We had small groups and they picked a subject. They were all supposed to shoot the subject together at the same time, but some ended up shooting completely different items with the same subject matter. Also the whole club didn't shoot the same thing. All the individual groups shot different items. This time everyone has to shoot the same thing.

Kristina suggested the idea of a sort of "scavenger hunt". We could give members a list of things to photograph and they have to bring the images in the following week.

We talked about have a model shoot. We could do the model shoot at a location other than Cord such as at Howland Park. Tracy mentioned that in the past when we have had models, the club as a whole did not do very well reciprocating with pictures. Only a very few people provided pictures. He said he has paid models out of his own pocket because he felt they weren't compensated enough. If we do a model shoot, it needs to be well communicated that if you are participating in the shoot, you need to provide pictures to the model. Leslie said she could probably find someone to model if we needed someone. We talked about it having to be early on the schedule if we do an outdoor shoot so that we have enough light to work with.

We talked about having table top shoot nights. Joe suggested doing a table shoot of some old coffee grinders he has. Tracy said we could also do a "product shoot". He has 2 witch's hats, and we could also shoot under fluorescent lights to show how to color balance