FOCUS GROUP CAMERA CLUB Club Meeting Minutes September 13, 2022

Call to order

A meeting of the Focus Group Camera Club was held at River Road Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, September 13, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. Attendees included Doug Beecher, President; Lloyd Chaser, Vice President; Mark Breen, Treasurer; Gene Harris, Secretary; Martin Evans, Past President; Charles Krumbein, Cynthia Krumbein, Charlie Stout, Tom Allen, Stephen Retherford, Cyane Lowden, Beau Robertson, Debbie Roberts, Vicky Eicher, Ed Fuhr, Mike Bachmann, and former members Al and Lynn Warfield.

There was one guest in attendance, Betty Lynn, wife of Beau Robertson.

Monthly Challenges

Mike Bachmann explained a new process for Monthly Challenges initiated for this year in hopes of increasing club participation: There will be two choices of challenge each month, rather than just one. Members who want to participate in the current month's challenge can choose one or both topics to attempt, and can submit only one image per chosen challenge(s). Mike thanked Cindy Krumbein for proposing a set of challenges. The September challenge for October will be: Tell A Story and/or Night Photography.

Program

The program consisted of a presentation of photographs taken by club members, with the theme of "What I Did on My Summer Vacation." There were more than 150 images presented. Members who presented images were: Mike Bachmann, Gene Harris, Jay Denny, Doug Beecher, Tom Allen, Martin Evans, Mark Breen, Cyane Lowden, Lloyd Chaser, Cindy Krumbein, Charlie Stout, and Stephen Retherford.

Next month's program will be a tutorial on focus stacking presented by Mike Bachmann.

Business Meeting

Discussion Topics

OLD BUSINESS

- The club members thanked Cindy Krumbein for coordinating the club's July-August 2022 exhibit at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
- Doug and others expressed the ongoing need for volunteers to help coordinate and hang upcoming exhibits.
- Mark Breen reminded the members that membership dues for the current year are payable now. Members also discussed the need for recruiting new club members.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mark Breen gave the Treasurer's report.

Round Table

Roundtable images were presented by Martin Evans, Doug Beecher, Cyane Lowden, and Mike Bachmann.

Feedback Images

Lloyd Chaser presented an image that invited the question 'When is a photo not a photo?" in regard to the question of photo manipulation. Discussion ensued, but no real answer to the question was forthcoming.

Further Business

Doug presented some important upcoming dates, including:

- Sept. 19 at 7 pm Board meeting
- Sept. 30 Oct. 1 Truist Exhibit hanging
- Oct. 11 at 7:30 pm FGCC meeting
- Oct, 17 at 7 pm Board meeting
- Oct. 31 take down Truist Exhibit
- December Richmond Public Library Exhibit Stephen Retherford coordinator
- Also two more exhibits coming in May and June

<u>Adjournment</u>

There being no further items, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm.

ADDENDUM

At the request of Past President Martin Evans, Lloyd Chaser offers for club members the following information/schedule regarding his current and upcoming shows:

St. Benedicts Oktober Fest, September 16-18 I did exceptionally well!

Party on the Avenue, Libby and Grove Avenues; Sunday September 25, 11-6

Gallery at First UU at the First Unitarian Universalist Church (by Maymont), Opening Wednesday September 28 through October 2.

Powhatan Festival of the Grape, Saturday October 1 11-6 Powhatan Historical Courthouse, 3860 Old Buckingham Road, Powhatan, 23139

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene Harris, Secretary