
FOCUS GROUP CAMERA CLUB

Club Meeting Minutes October 9th, 2023

Call to order

A meeting of Focus Group Camera Club was held at River Road Presbyterian Church on Monday, October 9th, 2023 and was called to order at 7:30 pm by Lloyd Chaser, President. Member attendees included Gene Harris, Secretary; Doug Beecher, Past President; Cyane Lowden, Ellen Martin, Jay Denny, Tom Allen, Debbie Roberts, Charles Krumbein, Beau Richardson, Rick Bream, and Bob Papas.

Agenda:

WELCOME OF GUESTS

No guests were in attendance.

MONTHLY CHALLENGE

The September Monthly Challenge was “Home Sweet Home.” The task was to take a photograph every day within a one-block radius of your home and share your best five images. Images were shared by Tom Allen, Doug Beecher, Jay Denny, Cyane Lowden, and Ellen Martin.

The October Monthly Challenge is “Traditions.” What are some of your traditions? Do they center on a holiday or daily life? Share your best three images.

PROGRAM – PHOTO PAPER: ITS EVOLUTION AND IMPORTANCE TO ARTISTS

The program was presented by Bob Papas, who is a professional photographer and operates a photo printing and framing studio. He gave a brief history of photographic imagery, discussed the characteristics of many different types of photo paper, and talked about some technical aspects of photo printing. He brought with him several examples of different types of photo papers, and answered many questions about the photo printing process.

UPCOMING PROGRAM

The November program will be presented by a former colleague of Doug Beecher, Natalie Lambert, who has previously presented a program to the club. This program will be about Safari photography.

BUSINESS MEETING

- Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer Mark Breen reported a balance of \$5162.58 with no expenditures for this month. Also, some members’ annual dues are still outstanding.
- The new Social ½ hour before the meeting had a half dozen or so members make an appearance, and will continue. Come at 7 pm and socialize for a half hour and get to know your fellow members!

- Members were reminded to check their email for an email from Stephen Retherford about the upcoming December exhibit at Richmond Public Library. Lynn, the longtime contact at the library has retired, so there could be some complications in the planning for the exhibit.
- Debbie thanked everyone who helped hang the current exhibit at the Truist building in downtown Richmond. She noted that was plenty of room for many more members to exhibit.

ROUNDTABLE

Tom, Doug, and Jay each presented images for the Roundtable.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Beau mentioned that honorary member David Everette's mother died recently.
- Charles Krumbein reminded us that we should all be looking for new club members. Debbie mentioned that new members can bring new perspectives, which are a good thing.

Adjournment

There being no further items, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene Harris, Secretary