Southwest Missouri Camera Club
March 26th, 2026
4th Thursday Meeting Minutes

Opening:

The Southwest Missouri Camera Clubs 4th Thursday meeting was held on March 26th, 2026, via zoom. Sixteen members were in attendance. The program was presented by professional photographer Lisa Langell and covered the topic **"Putting the right words with your photography"**.

Presentation:

Throughout the presentation, Lisa repeatably encouraged the members to ask questions via the chat room and to make comments in the same manner. Some of the information she covered was:

1. Why add words to a photograph?
2. Does a title or caption limit or predetermine how a viewer reacts to an image?
3. Words are creative tools, not afterthoughts.
4. Images are powerful but are also open to the audience's interpretation.
5. Words help the viewer to slow down and participate in the image.
6. Adding titles or captions: Titles are expressive while captions explain what the image is.

Titles help the audience feel what the photographer felt when the image was taken. Lisa then took the members thru a series of exercises to determine whether the image she was presenting was best with a "caption" or a "title".

Closing:

The meeting (presentation) ended at 8:36 P.M. The next meeting of the Southwest Missouri Camera Club will be on April 9th, 2026. This meeting will be at the Springfield Botanical Center and will be the club's annual picnic.

Minutes Submitted By: Linda Wise
Secretary