Southwest Missouri Camera Club
4th Thursday Meeting Minutes
October 22nd, 2026

Opening:

The 4th Thursday meeting of the Southwest Missouri Camera Club was held on October 22nd, 2026 at the Springfield Missouri Botanical Center in the main building. There were 35 members and guests present. President Carrie Alkier called the meeting to order at 5:49 PM. She then shared the upcoming club activities planned for the members during the month of November.

Reports and Announcements:

- **Lightpainting Kit.** Carrie announced that Tom Severt was the winner of the Lightpainting" kit.
- **Annual Awards Banquet:** Our Awards Banquet will be held here at the Botanical Center on December 17th in this large meeting room. The food will be catered by Hillbilly Catering with the full dinner price of $28.00. The dessert-only "Sweet Tooth" ticket will be $12.00. Members can pay by check/cash and hopefully PayPal.
- President Carrie Alkier then reminded the members about the "survey" that was emailed to the membership earlier. It will be a great help in the 2027 planning and so filling it out and returning it will be much appreciated.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Club Treasurer, Susan Gettys reported that as of September 30th the club had total receipts of $319.42. Expenses were $11.50 leaving a balance of $3,509.70. The club's savings account had a balance of $1,027.84. The club's CD has a balance of $4,078.85 and the cash on hand is $100.00, The total funds are $8,716.39. The club's membership is composed of 73 individual memberships, 16 family memberships with the total number of memberships being 104.
- **Member Exhibit at the Botanical Center:** President, Carrie Alkier, then thanked member Rachelle Leonardo for taking care of our exhibit all year long. Rachelle has indicated that she will continue doing this for 2027.
- **Exhibit at the Carnegie Library:** Exhibit Chairman, Elaine Miller, announced that the next exhibit will feature the Capture Group Leaders.
- **Connect Social:** President, Carrie Alkier, reminded the members that the last Connect Social will be on November 11th from 9:00-11:00 am at the Neighborhood Mill,
- **Google Calendar:** Carrie then announced that all club Connect Socials and meeting dates for 2027 are available on our Google Calendar. She also commented that our November 5th meeting will be the meeting where we vote on the proposed officers for 2027 and the photo of the year.
- **2 new Board positions and the Macro roles for next year:** Member Richard Baumann then went through the concept of "Macro Roles" and the responsibilities of the 2 new

board positions for next year. The new board positions are “Program and Activities” and “Membership, Communications and Community”.The members were then given a chance to volunteer for a “macro” position or for the remaining board position for 2027 by filling out the appropriate cards available on each table.

- **Capture Groups:** Richard then introduced 3 of the "Capture Groups” and each group leader presented the group's amazing work using video and/or a slideshow. Group leader Elaine Miller presented her “Abstract” group, Richard presented for group leader Ross Payton’s “Macro” group and Randy Conell’s group called “Time Collectors” was presented via video.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM by president Carrie Alkier. The next meeting will be on November 5th, 2026 at the Botanical Center main building.

Submitted By: Linda Wise
Secretary