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Zoom meeting, April 09 2022.

Today's Zoom meeting was well attended. Lynne Bell, Elvira, Jane, Ellen, Aline, Audrey, Sandra, Mary Jo, Karen, Lilo, Elaine, Judith Mosel, Susan, Dede, Sheila, Mary Lynn and Pat were all able to join and participate.

Audrey mentioned that Ellen is in contact with the Masonic Lodge. It won't be possible to meet there before July. As an alternative for the June meeting someone proposed to have a meeting (picknick) in the park, around Grace United Church. There wouldn't be a rental fee because Audrey happens to be a member and they offered to waive the fee. We would need a canopy, table and chairs and good weather. After the meeting I heard from Sandra, Aline, Elaine and Diana Wiggins.

Sandra's email:

I will miss when we don't have Zoom because we won't have Karen, or Jane, I don't know whether Elaine leaves her husband, and Aline said with the price of gas it will determine her travelling to the meetings. Jane has enjoyed being on Zoom with us the past two meetings. I think it has really boosted her spirits when she can see us all. So there definitely has been a real POSITIVE to have Zoom available. Wish there was some way these ladies could still be connected. Diana loves getting the video (she can't get Zoom) and she told me recently she can't leave her husband to attend meetings. Time will tell what the future holds. I sure like the Zoom. It is good to see everyone, even if it is on the computer screen. I will miss the Zoom meetings for sure.

Aline's comments:

Zoom gives everyone a front row seat.

Lilo, just a FYI. I got covid twice. The first time in February when school started back and I went to in-person teaching. And 2 weekends ago when I met with 28 people. 6 of us got it that weekend and 5 got it 3 days later.

About a month ago, in March when I was negative, I organised a lunch with 23 people and 7 got covid. Two people were carriers and did not know at the time.

This variant is treated like a cold. Nurses and teachers are told to keep working and wear a mask. Some are taking time off from holidays or without pay.

Also from Aline: Hi all,

Right now, I have 3 clubs that have hybrid meetings. The only problem is that the lodge does not have WIFI. With two of my clubs, we record only the demo or speaker and when I get home, I send it out – without WIFI, the session is recorded and not live.

Elaine's thoughts:

Hi Sandra,

I see what you're saying and I must admit that it's much easier for me to have the zoom meetings. However I also see the advantage to meeting in person. Too bad we can't split the month between the two. I hadn't thought about this until now but it could be an alternative. This way we could include those who find it difficult to meet in person and those who wish to meet in person. I think We need to discuss it with the group.

Diana's remarks:

Yes, please mention my name so organizers of the meetings will know that I will miss the videos of



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the Zoom meetings. I would not be able to attend in-person meetings and would therefore lose the connection I feel when I see and hear everyone on the videos. If there are enough ladies wanting to continue with the Zoom meetings and videos, perhaps something could be done about it. Thank you,

In Summary

From Sandra:

It sure would be nice if something could be worked out so everyone could still feel part of Grand Stampers. Since I'm not a technical person I have no idea how to go about anything like this – namely, Aline doing Hybrid meetings where she would need WIFI at the lodge!

Show'n Tell – as usual was great and so informative. Thank You to all who participated.

We even found a demonstrator for the next meeting – in May. Lynne Bell showed us a great fun fold card and agreed to teach us how to do it.



3 of Pat's cards for Show'n Tell.



Karen Johnston's 2 Easter Cards.

And here are some samples of cards created for today's demonstration:
By: Elaine Smith:



And the Box Card idea from Dede Reich, demonstrated by Aline during today's meeting and re-created by Elaine.



Another Box card
created by Dede on
the left .
The card on the right
is an Easter card from
Diana Wiggins.



Thank You, Aline for so very capably demonstrating the two different card ideas provided by Elaine and Dede.
And many Thanks to Elaine and Dede for taking the time to provide and share. We enjoyed it. Both cards are beautiful.

Hope I related everybody's thoughts correctly.

**Wishing everyone a very Happy Easter
that is filled with plenty of love and
happiness.**