

Solar Steering Committee – Meeting Minutes

Jan 20, 2026

Attendees – Mary Winkler, Jeff McWilliams, Laura Miller, Krisanne Schmidt, Dave Warneke, Carol McCririe, Jeff Grossklaus, Stacie Kitchen, Leslie Cordova

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm.

Past meeting minutes were not available to review or approve (No SC meeting in December)

President - Had responded to emails from club members

Vote on increasing amount to \$20 for gift cards for January photo contest. Mary moved to vote. All in favor. Increase approved.

Vice President – Discussed Solar survey questions. Suggestion was made to use age ranges instead of asking for respondent’s actual age. Tim will update and send out for review, then work with Laura to get on to Google for distribution. Tim will also coordinate with Laura to check out the Farmington Community Center (former Harrison H.S), as a potential meeting location.

Equipment – Jeff couldn’t move equipment into new unit due to illness. Will reschedule.

Mary asked if Jeff was planning on getting rid of some old gear. Jeff hasn’t made any plans for that as of this time.

Membership – Dana not present but did provide an update for membership numbers (see agenda)

Education – Only dehydrated foods workshop and Beginning Backpacking are currently planned. Mary asked about Wilderness First Aid training. Solar is not going to facilitate any training with Kalamazoo College this year for first aid. Members interested can schedule on their own.

Activities – Krisanne reviewed upcoming events (see agenda)

Treasurer – Carol reports, sent attachments to individual Solar SC members Lost \$907

Not sure what to project for 2026 for storage (since we are moving to a new unit). Carol estimates we would break even in 2026 with updated storage costs. 2025 we had ~ 700 in donations. Or 500? Estimating 100 members paying annual dues. Need to get rid of old expenses no longer used (calendars, etc). No budget in 2025 for holiday party. Receipts for ~37 for paper plates, etc. Carol is going to plan for 50 for 2026 holiday party. Add expenses for increased gift card amounts for photo contest.

PR & Communications – We've decided not to represent Solar at the Quiet Adventure Symposium, but we might want to post on the calendar just so members are informed if they want to go.

History/Bylaws – No update. Carol has a tub full of pictures to give to Jeff for history.

Webmaster – No update

New Business – None

Old Business – None

Meeting called 7:28

Minutes by Tim Davies