

Dorchester Seniors, Inc.  
Fund raising Committee Meeting  
June 22nd, 2022  
1:30 pm

Committee Members Present

Carol Davis  
Pamela Kelly  
Dianne Jones  
Malika Watson  
Jan Parsons  
Barb Allen  
Emily Watts

DSI Staff

Leigh Thomson  
Brandi Chambers  
Jerome Shannon

Absent

Diane Thomas

Due to the absence of Mrs. Thomas, the meeting was called to order by Emily Watts, Board Chair.

Leigh Thomson, Executive Director of DSI, Inc. gave a report from notes taken by Brandi Chambers of the meeting with Russ Cornette that was held on May 23rd, 2022 (Monday). The meeting was scheduled to be held with Leigh Thomson and Mr. Cornette, but Ms Thomson had to attend a conference in the place of a staff member; therefore she requested Emily Watts, Board Chair, and Brandi Chambers, Executive Administrative Assistant meet with Mr. Cornette and discuss the possibility of DSI hosting a "Sanctioned BBQ", an idea that was presented to committee by Brandi at an earlier meeting. Ms Watts also invited Deputy Director, LaQuinta West to attend the meeting. Diane Thomas, Chair of Fundraising Committee could not attend the meeting due to a scheduled appointment..

Ms Watts gave a report from the Fundraising committee meeting of June 1st, 2022 (Wednesday) with guest Russ Cornette who shared his knowledge of Sanctioned BBQ events and non-Sanctioned BBQ events. The Sanctioned BBQ is a large event with many rules to follow. Committee members asked lots of questions of Mr. Cornette and everyone heard a lot of information about Sanctioned BBQ events.

During the Fundraising Committee meeting of June 22nd, 2022 (Wednesday) the DSI Nutrition Manager, Jerome Shannon, was invited into the meeting to discuss with the committee ticket costs, and how to make a profit on a plated meal. He explained that \$15.00 was a fair price for a plate that would feed 50 people (pulled pork or 2 pieces of chicken, 2 sides, and a drink). He also presented several scenarios for the committee to consider when choosing the food, and how much to charge for each plate -- based on the cost for the food. Mr. Shannon is, himself, a Caterer so his presentation to the committee was very helpful.

The following information has been approved by the committee:

The event will be a Western BBQ

The date of the event is October 15th, 2022

The time of the event for public is 4pm to 7pm

The location of the event is The Dorchester Boat Club  
(Location was approved by motion from Pamela Kelly &  
seconded by Malika Watson with full committee approval)

The Dorchester Boat Club capacity is 300 people.

The cost is \$300 non-refundable fee + \$150 miscellaneous

Restrooms are located on the property

Two meats will be cooked: pork and chicken  
(Carol Davis made motion to have two meats: Pamela Kelly  
seconded the motion. Committee approved.)

Committee decided not to host a "Sanctioned BBQ"  
Committee decided to host a simple BBQ with participants  
in a "cook-off" for prizes.

(Cook-off entrees will actually cook the pork & chicken and  
keep portion of pork to be judged for prizes: the  
larger portion of pork and all chicken would be plated  
and sold to general public).

Tickets at \$20 each will be sold by DSI Board Members  
Duties for Board Members will be discussed at  
July 14th Board Meeting.

No additional discussion or action taken by committee.

Motion by Pamela Kelly and seconded by Carol Davis to adjourn  
the meeting. Committee approved. Next meeting to be held  
June 28th, 2022 (Tuesday) with Russ Cornette as our guest.

Meeting was adjourned.

E. Watts  
Reporting