

Fundraising committee meeting minutes for 5/3/23

Meeting was started at 2:03 PM with Carol opening in Prayer. Quorum was met with Jan Parsons, Malika Watson, Brandi Chambers, Leigh Thomson, Kathene Winston, Dianne Jones, Pamela Kelly, Emily Watts, Frank Thomas, Carol Davis, Diane Thomas, LaQuinta West, Kristina Clemens and Barb Allen in attendance.

Carol discussed that it seemed like we were trying to catch up from the very start of planing and working on the Gala. Last year it just seemed like things went smoother and she believes it was due to both the committee and the DSI staff working together as a team right from the start.

Carol asked Leigh that there be at least one staff member at each of our meetings and Leigh did not see any problem with that.

Minutes were reviewed for 4/19. Motion to approve was made by Jan and seconded by Frank. Vote taken and it was unanimous that they be approved.

Outdoor lighting was discussed and the placement of lights to be the most effective to shine on the parking lot. A big thank you to LaQuinta and her husband for getting them picked up and put in the parking lot for us. It was decided that we do need two of them to have adequate lighting.

Kristina is working on the financials for the Gala and also putting together something that will show man hours.

Discussion as to what to do for our two bartenders was had and it was decided to get them each a Visa card, splitting in half the tips that were collected the night of the Gala.

Carol made the point that the only free tickets this year were for two County Council people that joined us that evening and had a great time.

Malika was recognized for doing such a great job with the handling of the tickets and she was also thanked for purchasing the packets of seeds and the little, colorful bags to put them in.

The raffle baskets were talked about and a thank you to Jan for selling them during the evening as well as Brandi working her magic and making them up. She also helped with the distribution of Silent Auction numbers to those who wanted to participate in that.

Leigh was able to secure golf pkgs. She did this by going in person to the courses and speaking with someone there. Seems like the letters that we sent out and the phone calls

that we made for donations, just did not produce any results. Person to person contact is the best.

There was discussion about the meal that was served. Comments made that both the Pork and Chicken were difficult to cut and that the Chicken was dry.

We talked about the use of our own cutlery from the kitchen next year. Seemed like there was some lack of follow through with Lisa both in emails and in texts with Pamela.

Emily asked that the meeting go into Executive session and those that are not on the committee were asked to leave. Barb made the motion and Malika seconded it. Vote taken and passed unanimously.

Discussion was had and we came back out of it with Jan making the motion to do so and Kathene seconded it. Vote taken and passed unanimously. We moved back into regular meeting and those that left were asked to join us again.

Discussion about the meal again and the question was asked, “were those instant potatoes she used?” Those things need to all be written down in the contract.

Have a bigger table used for the grazing table. Possibly sell flower arrangements next year?

Rob Fowler had spoken to Emily with about a few suggestions for the evening. 1.The arrangement of the tables, so a different floor plan so it did not seem like there were two sides to the room. 2.Possibly have the length of time shorter? People were really ready to leave after raffle and silent auction was finished....there were people leaving at 9:30. 3.Have a better place to put and display our big, banner sign. (it was placed in front of the center)

Discussion as to whether or not were going to do the Gala next year. Jan made the motion that we do have one again and Dianne seconded it. Vote taken and it passed unanimously.

Thank you notes were passed out with the names of sponsors and each committee person took some.

Next meeting will be 5/24 at 1:00PM. Pamela made a motion that we adjourn and Frank seconded it. Vote taken and it passed. Meeting ended at 3:30 PM.