

Fundraising meeting minutes for 6/29/2023

Committee members present: Carol Davis, Jan Parsons, Malika Watson, Pamela Kelly, Kathene Winston, Emily Watts and Dianne Jones. Quorum was met.

Staff members present: Leigh Thomson, LaQuinta West and Brandi Chambers.

Carol Davis called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM and opened with a prayer.

The minutes from 6/19/2023 were reviewed and Jan Parsons made a motion that they be approved, with Kathene Winston seconded. The aye vote was unanimous.

Emily discussed the idea that the town of St George is very family minded and that we need to provide things for the children to participate in. There was discussion on the possibility of having a Petting Zoo and Bouncy castle along with some face painting. Carol Davis has the info for the Petting zoo and castle and will call them to get pricing.

Carol Davis did contact Lisa's Southern Catering and she will come up with some suggestions for us. There was discussion on what we could do ourselves as far as putting a meal together to sell. Pamela Kelly made a motion that we grill hamburgers and hot dogs and have a couple side dishes (to be decided on later) as well as chips, a drink and a dessert of some kind (brownie or cookie). Dianne Jones seconded the motion and the aye vote was unanimous. Pamela and LaQuinta offered to have their husbands bring their grills and do the grilling for the day.

Leigh shared some of the things the center has had over the years which included a craft fair, a Chili Dinner and a dinner for the ministers in town. Her thought was for the future of the Center and what types of things can we do to secure its future.

LaQuinta will check with DHEC and see if they can have some kind of presence there.

Discussion on just how much space we would need for vendors was had and it was decided we would have a better idea and when we go to the park and take a look at that and also the kitchen set up.

Leigh talked about having a chiropractor's office there with a possible massage chair.

Pamela will contact The Family Readiness people at Joint Base Charleston and see if they would be willing to come and set up a table. She will also check with Chris Rollison, the Dorchester Drug and Alcohol Prevention Director and see if they can also set up a table. She will also check into what is involved for a "Take Back Drug" set up.

Bonnie will check with the Red Cross as far as having a Blood Drive that day. There was also talk of having the Mammogram bus there on site.

Having Lindsey Huff the activities director at the center there showing and talking about the activities that happen at the center. Maybe do a demonstration of the chair exercise class that happens.

Jan asked about a possible microphone system that could be used for speakers during the day. The center does have a system.

Pamela suggested having 2 different Bingo sessions, one in the am and the other shortly after lunch. The center will look into asking one of their vendors to provide possible prizes for the games.

Brandi reported on Corkx Bartending. A dispute claim has been filed with the credit card company and she was told it could take up to 60 days before we would know anything.

Carol Davis has contacted Harriet Holman about monies owed from the Gala. Still no word back from her.

Jan Parsons asked the question “do we want to have a raffle of some kind?” LaQuinta West will check with the Quilting Club (Summerville) to see if they might have a quilt we could do a raffle on. She will also check with the Wood Carving club (Summerville) to see if they might have something. LaQuinta shared that they do have a Crochet time in St. George and will see if they might do a crocheted Blanket. She also shared that the residents love to bake and the possibility of a Bake Sale.

Emily Watts suggested talking to Bryon Jordan a PCP in town as well as a Dentist office and have them come out to meet with people.

Brandi Chambers and Carol Davis are working on getting the site paid for. Pamela asked everyone to be thinking of a catchy name for the event.

We have our next Board meeting in St. George on July 13th at 8:30 am. We will have our meeting at the Park directly after the board meeting.

Malika Watson made a motion to end the meeting and Pamela Kelly seconded it. The aye vote was unanimous and the meeting ended at 3:14 PM.