

Fundraising Committee meeting minutes for 5/2/2024

Members present :Carol Davis, Kathene Winston, Jan Parsons, Pamela Kelly and Dianne Jones.

Staff present: Karen Williams, Konia Haynes and Brandi Chambers

Carol opened the meeting at 2:32 PM with a prayer.

Review of minutes from 4/16/24 were reviewed and appropriate corrections were made. Jan made a motion to approve them with corrections and Dianne seconded. Passed unanimously.

Ticket table area was beautifully decorated and things seemed to work out ok. Suggestion was made by Dianne to keep the front door locked until 5:45 pm or so....there was no place out front for very early people to sit.

Jan suggested that it definitely works better to have the Raffle baskets in the big room where everyone is so more people see them and can buy more tickets.

When we ask for a Raffle basket, that is what we should be getting. Next year we will enclose pictures of ready made baskets with the sponsor sheet and emphasize there is a hard set cut off date to receive them.

Silent Auction area got crowded as people were trying to look at the pictures and bid. Karen stated some of the items were being bid on below the starting bid dollar amount. She suggested that those things that were not being bid on have their bid sheet pulled and put to the side and then after event, put them on Marketplace or Craig's list to get at least closer to dollar amount that they are worth.

Decorations were beautiful and the tables looked great with the new, taller centerpieces. Balloon trees were a great addition this year and looked awesome.

Pamela talked about our committee possibly not doing our due diligence as far as vetting both the caterer and the DJ. We went with Jerome from a suggestion without speaking to him as a committee. And the same thing with the music....we went in house because the no charge advantage sounded really good.

Financial sheet handed out and some discussion about it...bottom line looks like we made over \$16,000.

Dickie Myler did a great job as MC and kept things going through the night with his great sense of humor.

Food- was very disappointing. What was served was not what we paid for. Salmon was baked and not blackened with small amount of sauce and very small piece. Some of the chicken did not have the cream cheese stuffing and spinach. Crescent rolls, very small. Baby red potatoes were burned and cold. All vegetables ran together with no presentation. Cake was stale and slices were paper thin. Peach cobbler was like soup. Servers were unprofessionally dressed and didn't seem very happy. Instead of a big tray with selections on it they carried out two plates at a time. People on the left side of the room, received their food cold. Wondering how many people were actually there? Door prize stubs got accidentally thrown away. Estimating there were 25-35 empty chairs throughout the room.

Carol made the comment that she thought that our event would of been a great opportunity for Jerome to get "Simply Shannon's Catering's name out there.

Tickets- it was decided that no more tickets would be given without payment right then. People were getting a bunch of tickets and not paying and this was a headache for Karen to keep track of.

Both Karen and Brandi had made up Spring Gala review with comments and suggestions....we touched on a few of them and need more time to go over them all.

The bar and bar tenders were a lot of fun and very engaging....received several compliments about that.

Question was asked if we would use the vendor (food) again....a strong decline was voiced. Then the question was asked if we wanted to do a Gala next year?

Jan made the motion that we not do a gala next year but explore alternative events for the spring and then do the Fall Fest for Wellness in St. George in October.

There was some discussion about a possible Car Show in the spring. Kathene seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. This will be presented at our next Board Meeting on 5/9.

Pamela made motion to adjourn meeting at 4:20 PM and Kathene seconded it. Unanimously passed. Next meeting will be on 5/9 after the Board Meeting.