

The second Shrimporee planning meeting was held on June 29 at the JSC FCU from 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm. Those in attendance were Mike Dennard, Mike Duckworth, Bill Lowes, Scott Rainey, Marilyn Musial, Art Oswald, Brian Ellis and Jerrold Dewease. Mike Dennard presided.

Mike opened the meeting stating that there would be no major changes in the Shrimporee except that the red badgers should be fully engaged. After a general discussion, it was decided that Mike would contact the red badgers asking them to select a committee that they would like to work on. Likewise he asked the committee chairs to look at the list of red badgers and see if there were opportunities for them to serve on their committees. The list of red badgers is on the Shrimporee 2010 web site. Also Mike asked that the red badgers be invited to the Shrimporee planning meetings (Jerrold). It was further suggested that the line item of serving on a committee in a fundraiser be added to the red badger checklist (who to do?). Scott will talk to the mentors.

Mike then went around the table and asked each chair for comments.

Bill Lowes would like to have 5 more people to help slice brisket.

Brian Ellis noted that non-frozen Gulf shrimp may not be available this year. It was reported last year that the shrimp was very good. The menu will be the same as last year. He will use all baked beans this year. He will buy the red sauce and Roumalade again this year. At this time the amount of food to be ordered will be about the same as last year. Brian and Mike mentioned that we always have left over sodas and bread.

Mike asked Marilyn to look for an associate who would eventually be a replacement for her as she moves up the ladder to President. Paul McLarty was suggested as a possible candidate. Marilyn commented that she wanted to continue using To-go boxes instead of plates. Marilyn will follow up about having shaved ice this year.

Scott said that we need to start the sponsor campaign as soon as possible and to have the primary beneficiaries officially identified. Also it is very important that the whole club is engaged in the process of obtaining sponsors. He suggested that a few minutes at each Club meeting be taken to promote the Shrimporee. One issue came up about an auto dealer displaying vehicles at the pavilion area. It was agreed to do so but all must be coordinated with Scott and security. There was a general discussion about how to handle gifts less than \$1000, how to put value on in-kind gifts. Scott is to write guidelines on these and submit them to the committee for consideration. Further Scott iterated that club member sponsors must also pay for the meal tickets. All the current sponsors will be removed from the Club web site (Jerrold). It was discussed having a video playing at the Shrimporee that listed the sponsors. Scott needs help with Thank you letters to sponsors, and they could be sent when the check is received.

There was a general discussion about the VIP letters. Feedback from last year revealed many of the letters were returned. Mike will get with Art to discuss how to improve the process. It was suggested that Cindy Harreld should be involved because of her contacts through the chamber of commerce.

Art Oswald will head up the volunteers again this year. Mike asked Art to be sure Dr. Greg Smith was involved with the process for getting the volunteers. Art also requested additional help with the volunteers. Art also noted that Bill Geissler had made contact with Earl Maudlin about modifications to the shrimp cookers and cooking table.

Additional information from the meeting:

It is not clear whether the trailer with the shrimp cooker and other kitchen equipment has been donated to the club by Earl Maudlin (who to find out?).

A replacement is needed for Bill Geissler for shrimp cooking. Bill will be out of town. (Who to do?)

A replacement for the PR chair is needed.

Will there be teams again this year?

Will meal tickets be \$15 again?

How to handle the food for the volunteers. Some confusion last year.