Shrimporee 38 Planning Meeting Notes

The seventh Shrimporee planning meeting was held at the JSC FCU on Tuesday October 4, 2011 from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Those present were: Greg Smith, Scott Rainey, John Branch, Darryl Smith, Rena Deitrich, Alan Wylie, Nancy Mallini, Micki Czarnik, Brian Ellis, Bob Taggart, Jerrold Dewease, Bill Taylor and Jerry Smith with Chair Marilyn Musial presiding.

In general, based on comments from the attending members, and emails and verbal comments from non attending committee members, all the committees are prepared for the Shrimporee.

However a major issue has occurred in regard to the fire ban. The Park Commission has told us that the inside charcoal grill could not be used. The use of propane gas burners to heat water is being reviewed by the Commission in light of the fire ban. An answer is due Thursday.

Alan reported that he needs adult help on the auction close out. Student volunteers are committed. He noted that donations were coming in but a few good items are needed. A list of auction items is to be sent to Jon McKinnie for transmitting to district Rotarians. Rena Deitrich notified the members during the meeting that she was able to get an iPad for the auction.

John Branch reported on the results of the meal ticket sales and auction buyout items: meal ticket sales were close to \$19,000 with 250 tickets outstanding. If 40 of these tickets are brought, then we will reach \$20,000.

Scott Rainey reported that \$35,500 has been committed for sponsorships, but he is still pursuing past donors. The committee recommended to Scott that \$2,500 In-Kind Sponsors should receive complimentary tickets at the \$1,000 Sponsor level.

Bill Taylor is ready to go on set up. He will open the park gates up at 6:30am on Saturday of the Shrimporee.

Rena Deitrich reported that \$860 worth of raffle tickets has been sold. Scott Rainey suggested, and the committee agreed, to set up the raffle table in the proximity of the serving lines so all the guests can be exposed to the raffle prize and can conveniently purchase the tickets while waiting to be served the food.

Greg Smith reported that he feels good about the items for the silent auction and where they are in the preparation process. He will send the wine inventory to Jerrold Monday, 10/10. He noted that the Teachers of Year have been notified to attend.

Brian noted that he is ready except for the aprons and towels. He asked Jerry Smith as he approached Dos Mas for an auction item that he would also ask for 100 aprons and 300 towels. Prior to last year Dos Mas provided the towels and aprons. Brian noted that he had 160 briskets cooking and had ordered 1100 pounds of shrimp.

Darryl Smith confirmed that the Boy Scouts will be available to assist with clean-up.

Nancy Mallini reported that she had 115 volunteers so far, but was pursuing other groups. She noted that the students usually want to leave about 3 pm and their availability may be low after that time. Usually the Boy Scouts arrive early and leave late which help in the setup, take down, and clean-up.

Bob Taggart said that the Shrimp boil could use additional help from 8 am to 12 noon. Marilyn noted some Rotaract students would be available.

The next Shrimporee Planning meeting is scheduled for October 11th.