

August 28th Shrimporee Committee Meeting

Chairperson Berg called the meeting to order at 5 pm in the JSC Federal Union conference room. Those in attendance included Chair Berg, Darryl Smith, John Branch, Greg Smith, Teri Fowle, Art Oswald, Bill Lowes, Rosemary Lengefeld, John Swartwout, Jerrold Dewease, Jason Wingate, Jerry Smith, and Rena Deitrich.

Chair Berg announced that the sponsorship was now \$28,000.

John Branch noted that the meal ticket sales were 680 tickets with \$225 money given for auction buyout. The total is \$8325 slightly ahead of this time last year. He will send out a club email reminding the members to purchase ticket on September 9th.

Jerry Smith noted that about 60% of the live auction items have been acquired. He suggested that a puppy be one of the auction items. It will be from Second Chance Pets. Second Chance swill brings the puppy to the Park in a mobile van and park it outside the pavilion fencing. Sheryl is to get someone to be responsible for caring and displaying the puppy during the auction.

Teri Fowle' noted that 4 items have been acquired for the silent auction. She still does not have a committee to help her. She will call Kathy Dooley to help. She said that she has a lot of traveling to do in October and Greg Smith said that he would help during this period. Rena Deitrich is to provide a spare apartment at her business to store the silent auction items. Teri stated that she had sent out an email (see below) with guidelines about baskets.

We are gearing up for the Shrimporee and need your assistance with silent auction items. You have all been issued the "Basket Challenge" and I hope you are planning out creative baskets for the silent auction!

Attached is a list of ideas you can use for silent auction basket donations. I have also included a form you will need to fill out listing the items being donated in the basket and an approximate value (minimum value should be \$75). This will GREATLY help us as we begin putting the silent auction together. Our goal is to have 50 baskets total for the silent auction and so far...I have one gift certificate donated by Bill Artzberger...Wahoo! Thank you Bill!!

Please begin thinking of those silent auction items. We are asking this year that alcohol only be donated as part of a basket item that features other items...such as a romantic dinner for two restaurant gift certificate with accompanying wine glasses and a bottle of wine--or sparkling cider for a non-alcoholic idea. Because we must obtain permission to sell alcoholic beverages (even in a silent auction) absolutely no alcoholic beverages can be donated after October 1.

Rosemary Lengefeld asked Sheryl to remind the Club members who donated items for the auction last year to make their commitment again this year again.

Rena Deitrich recommended a gas powered scooter value at \$800 with a complimentary helmet for the raffle prize. The scooter cost is \$550. The prize was approved. The cost of registering the scooter is the responsibility of the winner as well as any applicable taxes. This information will be placed on the raffle tickets and flyers. The raffle tickets and flyers need to be printed. Rena is to contact Nanci Rutledge to see if she will assist in the selling of the raffle tickets. Status of Laura Godwin? Rena is to ask Slade Lewis if he plans on making a donation from his jewelry store to the Shrimporee. If he does then it will become a live auction item and not a raffle prize.

Jerrold Dewease will send letter to the Club members from the State of Texas regarding the sales tax exemption for the Club.

Sheryl needs to know the names and addresses of the teachers of the year and the public service awardees for inclusion in the VIP letters. The recognition of the teachers of the year and public service winners will be at 1 pm.

Art Oswald is to let Greg Smith know the number and the time to work for the high school volunteers needed for the entire day of the Shrimporee. Greg said that he would be sure the sponsors will have the right number there at the right time.

Sheryl wants to get a signed written commitment from the club members that they will clean up their respective areas. She plans to do this at the Club meeting.

The subject of whether to purchase a PA system was discussed but put on hold until Scott was available. The issue of storage appeared to be of most concern.

The committee agreed to purchase 6 restaurant type dispensers for the red sauce and the Roumalade. Who to fill the dispensers and clean up after useage?