

Spring Fling Committee Meeting 11-8-15

1:05 PM - Vickie called the meeting to order

Present: Vickie P, Phil H, Diane H, Sarah F, Joe E, Lance E, Carl W, RoAnn H

All agreed they had had a chance to review the minutes from the September meeting; Phil moved to approve minutes, Diane seconded, minutes were approved. It was mentioned that Bambi has indicated she would like to resign. Sara F. arrived and indicated she would help with entertainment.

Treasurer's Report: Vickie P stated that to her knowledge the current balance for Spring Fling was approximately \$5,132. It was discussed that Vickie L. is ill, and feels she needs to resign. Vickie P will obtain a treasurer's report to include with these minutes. There was a general discussion about how much, if anything, did the Spring Fling 2015 make, mainly between Carl and Vickie P. Carl was wondering what kind of budget he has for speakers.

Entertainment: Lance (and now Sarah). Lance stated that since "Theater of the Lie" did not go over well last year, they have added a new member to the Entertainment committee from the "Young People's" meeting. This is in the hopes that they might add more young people to the attendees. The possibility of the Young People's meeting sponsoring the dance was discussed, apparently a fair possibility. Also, to move the dance to Friday night, and Lance said there is a DJ among the Young People that will likely be willing to DJ for the dance for free.

Additionally, Lance said they were checking on possibly having a comedian entertain Saturday night (last "speaker"). They would try to find one that might perform for airfare and hotel (like a speaker). There is a lead on one that Dawn may be able to contact. Additionally, they will inquire if the comedian would be willing to be included in the recording.

A question was asked about offering a separate admission for the dance and/or the comedian. It was decided that since we already have "free" Thursday, we would hope between the early registration price and scholarships that would be sufficient.

The ice cream social will remain on Thursday night, and open mike will remain during dinner breaks.

Volunteers: Dawn was not present, but had discussed with Vickie that there is not much for her to do yet. It was asked if volunteers would get free admission, and Vickie stated that was not the case. If someone wanted to help, hopefully a scholarship could be offered.

Logistics: Phil said there is nothing new - the space had been contracted for and all is in place. It was later discussed about asking for the concession stand closer to the registration table, rather than up by the speakers, and Vickie would discuss with Phil (who had to leave early).

Marketing: Joe reported that the Save the Date Flyer was done and sent. When the schedule gets finalized, he will use the same format for the registration sheet, only change being using the new logo. The same mailings, email blasts will be done as they were last year. Joe reported we had about 139 coffee mugs. Placing them at the registration table was discussed, to make them more accessible to purchase. Sarah asked if we needed both jump drives and CDs, it was decided yes, we do.

Hospitality: RoAnn reported there is not much she can be doing yet. She is thinking Fritz may not be able to do the coffee this year, due to health concerns, and we'll probably need more than 1 person. RoAnn is planning to ask different meetings to sponsor a table for a 2-hour period, to be sure to include a main dish with their table, and to post which group hosted which time. 2-Fers and Saturday morning men's meeting will likely bring the pulled pork again, which will be welcome.

Registration: Diane reported there is not much to be doing yet. She plans to contact Paul to ask him to send the information from last year, as they had discussed previously, so she can get a feel for what will be expected. Vickie P said online registrations will probably start in January. She also mentioned a problem last year was people paying online the day of the event, and she had no way to be aware of it. Taking that option off the website the day of, or day before the event was suggested, replacing with a statement that cards are welcome at the event doors.

Speakers: Carl said speakers are set, except he has not heard from Sandy for Al-Anon speaker(s). Vickie will call Sandy to check on her progress. Joe mentioned again that he needs the lineup for the flyer sooner than the next committee meeting (January). Carl and Lance are going to discuss together soon and get the information to Joe. The speaker dinner was brought up, and going to HyVee again sounded good to everyone. It was motioned by Carl, seconded, and passed. It was reiterated that speakers and their spouses will get free admission and free dinner.

New Business:

President-elect: Both Paul and Dawn are interested in this position. Vickie stated we would vote for that position in our next meeting.

Treasurer: We will need to find someone to replace Vicki L.

Starting with January, 2016, we will begin meeting once per month.

Carl moved to close, it was seconded and passed at 2:17 PM.

Minutes taken by Diane H.

Minutes approved unanimously on January 10, 2016