9/14/26 Meeting Minutes : Entertainment Committee

Meeting Information

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Participants: Tracy; Claire; Carol;Al; Mark F. ;Carla;Arlene;Laura ;Mimi; Harriet:Roberta: Letitia

Meeting Notes

Event Recaps and Immediate Scheduling

- Labor Day Event: The Labor Day event was considered a success despite rain, with music by Warren Hill being well-received. Leftover ice cream and toppings remain and may be served by board members after the Thursday board meeting or used at a future movie night.
- September Trivia Night: The trivia night scheduled for the third Thursday of September has been canceled as the organizer will be away.
- September Movie Night: The movie night scheduled for September 27 was canceled due to a key participant being away and a conflict with a Jewish holiday.

October Movie Night Planning

- Date and Time: The movie night is scheduled for October 25. The start time is targeted for 7:30 PM, although 7:00 PM was considered but poses logistical challenges.
- Movie Selection and Theme: To boost attendance, a survey will be distributed (Google Form via TownSquare and a physical copy) offering choices between comedy, classic drama, and musical categories. Suggestions included older films and perhaps a theme such as "bad taste party" with intentionally bad movies like Blazing Saddles; Halloween-adjacent comedies (e.g., "Young Frankenstein"), dramas (e.g., "An Affair to Remember"), and Alfred Hitchcock films . Streaming availability for selected titles must be verified.

- Event Enhancements: The event will be themed to attract more attendees, potentially including dress-up elements and finger-food desserts. A post-movie discussion with refreshments is planned and will be announced in advance to encourage participation.

New Year's Eve Event Planning

- **Theme and Catering: The event** will have a disco theme with a Chinese buffet provided by Bambu. The dress code will be disco-themed, with no shorts or jeans allowed.
- **Budget and Staffing**: Budget approval is expected on Thursday. The event will hire 5 staff members for setup, service, and cleanup at a cost of $1,350.
- Entertainment and Vendors: Entertainment includes a DJ, dancers, and curated cocktails. The DJ booking needs to be confirmed by Letitia, and contracts for all vendors are outstanding. Non-alcoholic "mixology" drinks will be available.
- Logistics and Layout: Mark, expected back toward the end of October. A small committee will be formed to finalize the room layout and table configuration, and thus the number of guests to plan for, with food being served in the card room.
- Registration and Guest Policy: A "Save the Date" flyer will be created for the October newsletter, including the theme, caterer, and a guest policy allowing singles to bring a "plus one." Pricing will not be announced yet. A firm registration deadline of November 30 will be enforced with no exceptions. The attendance cap will be set after the layout is finalized.
- 2027 Show Season Planning
    - Approval and Communication: Plans for the 2027 shows are pending board approval, after which flyers will be created and dates will be published in the October newsletter.
    - Pricing: A package for all three shows will be $60, with individual shows priced at $30 per person.
    - Show Lineup:
    - January 24: The Beatle Maniacs (8:00-10:00 PM). Cost: $3,700.

    - February 20: Buble and Beyond (8:00-9:30 PM). Cost: $5,500. May be advertised as "black tie optional."
    - March 14: Comedy of Tali Reese and others (likely 8:00-10:00 PM). Cost: $4,000. A pre-show cocktail hour was suggested.
- Future Community Outings and Activities/ Potential Trips: Several outings are being considered for the cooler months (November-January).
    - Butterfly World: $23 admission with a guided tour; requires a 2-week advance reservation.
    - Animal Safari: ~$25 admission; group rates will be explored.
    - Silverball Museum/Retro Arcade: Proposed for October, as admission is free that month. The group will explore options for a private party with food.
    - Jellyfish Museum: Considered, but perceived as pricey for its size.
- Music Bingo: To avoid scheduling conflicts and reported animosity with the PAC/PAP group, which is holding a bingo event in November, the group's music bingo event will be scheduled for January or February.
- Educational Series of Speakers was discussed.
    - League of Women Voters: A nonpartisan session on Amendment Three will be scheduled for early October.
    - Other Topics: An energy-saving session is being prioritized. Other potential topics include hurricane preparedness (especially generator guidelines), medical seminars, and scams. The board noted that both portable and whole-house generators are permitted with committee approval.
- Next Meeting Schedule: The group's monthly meeting will continue to be held on Mondays at 10:30 AM. The next meeting is scheduled for October 12 at 10:30 AM.
- Budget: A new budget of "$15,000 for next year" was noted.
- Next Arrangements
    - Send the movie preference survey for the October 25 event via Google Form/WhatsApp and prepare paper ballots.

- Finalize the movie selection, theme, and start time (target 7:30 PM) for the October 25 movie night.
- Verify streaming availability for proposed movie titles.
- Prepare discussion questions and identify a lead for the post-movie discussion.
- Confirm DJ booking and secure contracts/invoices for the DJ, dancers, and cocktail vendor for the NYE party.
- Finalize booking for 5 hired staff at $1,350 for the NYE party.
- Form a 2-3 person table committee to design the NYE room layout after Mark returns.
- Draft and send a "Save the Date" flyer for the NYE party (disco theme, Bambu catering, singles plus-one policy) for the October newsletter.
- Set and communicate a firm November 30 registration deadline for the NYE party.
- Create and distribute flyers for the 2027 shows after board approval.
- Submit 2027 show dates and pricing for the October newsletter.
- Explore a group event at Silverball Arcade for October, including food options.
- Check group tour availability and pricing for Butterfly World and Animal Safari for Nov-Jan.
- Schedule music bingo for January/February 2027.
- Coordinate with the League of Women Voters to finalize an early October date for the Amendment Three session.
- Outline an education series (energy saving, hurricane preparedness, scams, medical) and identify speakers for next year.
- NYE Event Logistics: The attendance cap and pricing for the New Year's Eve event are not set. These need to be finalized after the table layout is planned to meet the November 30 registration cutoff.