

Hooker's Wine Event Committee Meeting – January 22, 2019

Island Grill

The meeting was called to order at 6:12pm by Darlene W. Members present were Darlene Widirstky, Julia Simpson, Bonnie Kellen, Joyce Bieber, Mo Steinman, Jeannie Glenn, Linda Bohacek, Vickie Hitch, Linda Bessetti, Sharon Webster, Joyce Boyer, Christina Buntin, Barbara Southwood, Helen Andrews, Billie Young and Debbie Cundall.

Committee Reports

Secretary: Bonnie K. Minutes of Dec. 13 were sent out to all committee members, including a brief synopsis of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*."

Event Set-up/Take-down: Debbie C and Julia S. Debbie has volunteered for this committee, and will be in charge of set-up and take-down. There were sign-up sheets for this committee passed around at the last Hooker's meeting, and as more workers are still needed, an announcement will be posted in the Hooker Herald making this request. Julia reported that all the tents, tables and chairs have been reserved.

Tickets and Posters: Julia S. Julia reported that most all the posters are out-and-about and posted at many businesses in the greater Pine Island area, as well as some businesses in the Cape, etc.

PR: Julia S. There will be announcements and ads placed in the Eagle as the event draws closer, and also on EventBrite, and in the Projects page of the Hooker website.

Ticket Sales: Mo S. Dee was absent tonight, so Mo gave her report, and also had tickets for sale. There will be a total of 200 tickets sold for the event.

Welcome Table/Passing out the Glasses: Bonnie K, Pink W, Joyce Bb, Fran W. These areas will be set up together, either in two lines, or perhaps two sets of tables set in the middle for lines to go on either side. The hope is to speed up the entry process, so that the patrons can proceed to the Mystery Wine area and then enter into the Wine Event. WE talked about not having to "man" this area much after 3pm, and then have a "floater" check the area for any late arrivals.

Painted Wine Glasses: Billie Y and Linda Bk. They showed their design on the glasses, and how they were able to paint the designs using a paper pattern on the inside of the glass. Everybody loved the design. More painters, with steady hands, are needed to help paint all the glasses. There will be a glass painting session next week on Wed. 1/30, 9:30am at Billie's house, 2839 Janet Street, Matlacha.

Mystery Wine: Mo S, Paulette C, Sharon W and Jeannie G. At this time, approx. 80 + bottles of wine have been donated. The committee is hoping for at least 200 bottles of wine, or more. Mo will make a request for more wine donations in a Hooker Herald. The label décor on the bags will be the same forest picture as on the posters.

Ice Sculpture/Champagne: Julia will contact the same person as last year for an ice sculpture. Regarding the champagne, once the glasses are chosen and the amount of champagne to be served in each glass is determined, then the committee will figure out just how much champagne will be needed. The champagne will be purchased at Total Wine.

Art Table: Carol Johnson will be buying Mel Meo's painting and then donating it to the Hooker's for bidding at the event...

Wines for Tasting and Wine Sponsors: Julia. Julia already has several \$100 donations for folks wanting to help sponsor this event, and also a donation of \$500 from another donor. She is hoping for a few more sponsors, and will request that in a Hooker Herald. There will be a basket in the Silent Auction that will have a sample of each wine chosen for this event.

Wine Servers: Billie has her committee of men to be servers. They will wear white shirts, black trousers, and use the same colorful vest as last year.

Costumes: It is suggested, but not mandatory, that all the volunteers and workers wear a costume of some kind, to fit the theme of the event – fairies, butterflies, flowers, and other characters from the play are ideas for costumes.

Food: Barbara S. Barb mentioned that both Publix and Winn-Dixie will be donating foods for the event, to be picked up the day before. CW Fudge's trailer is confirmed, and other cold items will be kept in refrigerators at Joyce Boyer's home. There will be all kinds of misc. tea sandwiches, will be made by a committee of Hooker's.

Food Servers: Joanne C. No report tonight, but there is a group of servers already chosen, who will wear a gauze-like cape along with their costume.

Silent Auction: Julia. Julia needs lots of stuff! She needs business gift certificates, basket fillers, and more. Some of the gifts she has received so far include a Fishing Charter, a 3 hr. concert by Tommy Barr, a box of seasonal mangos from Stanley's Mangos, and several other items. She will contact all the donors from last year for more items.

Entertainment: Jason Bonham will be our entertainer.

Photographer/Photo Booth: Julia said that Laura Lee Massey will be our photographer. Ideas for a photo booth area were offered and discussed, including a bench set amongst greenery,

photos with our “Shakespeare”, and more. Julia will ask Principal Hook if he would consider being the character “Shakespeare” for the event.

Event Décor: Darlene, Helen A and Susan S. We discussed using lots of greenery, flowers, and all kinds of other whimsical and/or fanciful decorations to create an ethereal fantasy forest type of surroundings for the event. Potted palms and trees, lots of ferns, and other types of decorations were suggested. The entry hallway may have mini-lights and other décor to suggest entering a forest. We discussed where to hang Joyce Boyer’s large canvas of the poster picture. More decisions and discussion to follow at the next meeting.

Open Discussion:

More Wine Event sponsors will be sought. All the wine event sponsors will have their names listed on a banner to be hung at the event.

Bonnie mentioned that there were four Hooker’s who came to the showing of “*A Midsummer Night’s Dream*” at her house this past Sunday. Seeing the movie clarified the story for us and also gave us clearer ideas for costumes and decorations for the event.

The next meeting of the Wine Event Committee will be on Thursday, Feb. 7, 6pm at the Island Grill.

Respectively submitted,
Bonnie Kellen
Secretary