

Hooker's Wine Fest Committee Meeting MINUTES – Dec. 13, 2018

Darlene W brought the meeting to order at 6pm, at the Island Grill. Members present were Bonnie Kellen, Jeannie Glenn, Linda Bohacek, Pink Wesorick, Joanne Correia, Darlene Widerstky, Paulette Crippen, Barbara L Southwood, Helen Andrews, Sharon Webster and Billie Young.

Reports:

Darlene noted that Julia S will be absent from the meeting tonight, and that Julia has much of the information that will be discussed. Darlene will attempt to fill in the "blanks" until Julia returns for our January meeting.

Secretary: Bonnie K. Bonnie reminded the committee that she will send out the minutes to all the members, and requests that any information missing should be sent to her. We want the minutes to include a total record of our meetings and events, so be sure to send Bonnie any and all additions and corrections.

Event Set-Up and Take-Down: ? At this time, there is no chair for this subcommittee. Barbara S said her husband Dennis would help with set-up. More volunteers will be needed. Helen A said that we will use the same big tent as last year. Joe C and Dennis S will help set up the electric. It was suggested to have more high-top tables in the wine area. Julia will be asking Debbie C for help in this area.

Tickets and Posters: Julia. Darlene reported that the tickets and posters are in the process of being made, and will be available at the January Wine event meeting and also the Hooker's General meeting. It was suggested that committee members sign out tickets to sell. Some tickets will be distributed to island businesses for sale: CW Fudge, Century 21, Center of Attention Day Spa, Trader's Hitching Post, Little Lily's Deli, Hooked Island Grill and others.

Ticket Sales: Dee H and Paulette C. Joanne C requested that we have a list of patrons receiving complimentary tickets.

Welcome Table: Pink W and Fran W. Volunteers do not collect tickets, but just look at them as the guests arrive, so it was suggested that to ease congestion, the Welcome table and the Wine Glass table be combined as one long area, perhaps using two connecting tables.

Wine Glass Distribution: Bonnie K and Joyce B. See note above suggesting combining this table with the Welcome Table.

Painted Wine Glasses: Billie Y and Linda B. The design is not finalized yet. Billie will be ordering the glasses and the committee will decide on the design.

It was suggested that the glass design should be simple in design and all the glasses be the same as possible, to eliminate some of the congestion in the welcome area. No matter how we try to hand the patrons a glass and get the line moving, many of the patrons simply will not move ahead until they have browsed over the selection of the wine glasses and pick out the one they like the best.

Mystery Wine: Mo and Team. Jeannie G reporting..... The committee is hoping to secure at least 200 bottles of wine for this area. Jeannie suggested we ask the Hooker's secretary to make the request for wines on the Hooker Herald, and that during the holidays is a good time to watch for BOGO sales and other sale prices on good wines. Wines that are donated should have a value of at least \$10 a bottle.

They do not have a theme to decorate the bags yet, but will coordinate the theme with the general event theme.

Ice Sculpture and Champagne: Julia. We need more champagne than last year, as many patrons did not get a glass of champagne.

Treasurer: Ginny N. All transactions and bills will be handled by Ginny Neff, similar to the way it was done last year.

Desserts Table: CW Fudge Factory will once again be donating and setting up the desserts table.

Art Table: Darlene will ask Julia to ask Mel Meo and Diane Wickes to set up this area.

Wines for Tasting and Wine Sponsors: Julia S and Sam Y. They will ask for 10-15 wine sponsors and/or General event sponsors, and these names will be printed on a banner. More discussion at the January 3rd meeting.

Wine Servers: Billie Y. She has the needed six servers. They will wear the same vest as last year.

Food and Menu: Joanne C and Barbara S. They will be asking for donations from various businesses, such as Publix, Winn-Dixie, Gordon Foods and others. They will look into some suggestions from a Martha Stewart book on Midsummer's Nights Dream theme ideas. Some suggestions are Tea sandwiches, misc. finger foods, light cookies, angel food cake with pineapple, and more. There will be roving food servers along with a food serving area. Billie will ask for food servers at the Jan. 14 Hooker's general meeting. Food Prep will be chaired by Barb S and Susie Stearns. Joanne will ask to borrow CW Fudge's trailer for the food and ice.

Silent Auction: Julia S. We need a list of vendors/businesses and who is going to make the donation request so that we do not duplicate.

Entertainment: Jason Bonham will be doing the entertainment. Helen A will ask Tonya Player from the Pine Island Players for a suggestion of a person to be our “Shakespeare” for the day.

Event Décor: Darlene W. The suggestion was made to have many pots of ferns, herbs, palms, and many other plants to be placed around and used as event décor. It was suggestion to use lots of light gauzy fabrics, gold, silver, filmy white, some black, moon, stars, etc. – turn our event area into an “ethereal forest.”

Costumes for Volunteers: We’re on our own for costumes, but it was suggested that we all wear the same or similar kind of head piece – flowery wreaths in our hair, with trim of moss and greens, etc. Look up ideas online, google Midsummer’s Night Dream costume ideas.

Open Discussion:

The suggestion was made for all of us to order the movie “A Midsummer’s Night Dream” so that we know the story and can see some of the costume ideas.

Respectively submitted,
Bonnie Kellen
Event Secretary

Next Meeting: Thursday, Jan. 3, 2019, at 6pm. Island Grill