

Hooker's Wine Fest Committee Meeting – November 17, 2016

Submitted by Bonnie Kellen, Committee Secretary

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Hooker's Wine Fest Committee Meeting of Nov. 17, 2016 was held at 6pm at the Island Grill. Members present were Nancy Chandler, Bonnie Kellen, Barbara Jameson, Julia Simpson, Pink Wesorick, Joanne Corrcia, Jean Dickason, Darlene Widirstky, Vicki Morrison, Paulette Crippen, Jeannie Glenn, Sherry Grant, Ginny Neff, Theresa Kramer, and Sandy Peculis. Members not present: Tina Bush, Linda Himmel, Mo Steinman and Dee Hanks.

Nancy requested that all members sign the list with their name, email and phone number. Minutes of the meetings will be sent to the committee members via email.

2. Sub-Committees updates:

Event Set-up and Lay-out - Jean Dickason/Nancy Chandler: Rental prices of the tables and chairs are still being researched and evaluated. The linens are not arranged yet. They are looking into purchasing the linens, but nothing decided yet.

Discussion took place as to exactly what will take place and be set up in walkway between the building and the fenced in area. No final decisions yet.

Jean is also still pondering about the mystery wine set up.

Event Décor – Darlene Widirstky: The theme is “Italian Vineyard”. Darlene is working on posters for the hallway, perhaps skits set-up as a surprise, costume ideas, and other thoughts for the decorations. Wine Barrels: Question whether or not they can be borrowed from the Wicked Dolphin?

Registration – Bonnie Gunnoe/Susan Schuman: Not present.

Mystery Wine – Mo and Team: Paulette Crippen reported that the committee will probably use similar brown bags for the mystery wines, similar to last year, and wrap them with ribbons with an Italian theme or colors. Sandy P will store the wine. Prior to the December Hooker meeting,

a Hooker Herald will be sent out requesting more wine donations. The committee is hoping for more donations than last year, and also hoping for good quality wines.

Painted Wine Glasses/Tickets – Dee Hanks: Dee was not present. Nancy talked about the possibility of ordering wine glasses so that all the glasses are the same size. We need approx. 240 wine glasses. Julia will store the glasses. The committee is still considering what designs to use for the painted decorations.

Tickets and Posters will be printed and ready before the Holiday House in December, so that they can be advertised in Tina's Tent at the Holiday House. Tickets will go on sale after the Holiday House. There will be 200 tickets to sell, 25 to give away. They will sell for \$35 each.

Artwork – Julia Simpson: Julia reported that Mel Meo will help with the artwork and décor. Mel was in Italy last summer and has some ideas for the Wine Fest.

Ice Sculpture – Sandy Peculis: Still working on the ideas, where to put the sculpture, and whether or not the area will be staffed with servers. She will oversee the area, the pouring and the serving. Her current thought is to possibly have champagne coming out of the Louvre for the sculpture. Ice Sculpture and Art Work may be in the same location.

Wine, Menu & Servers – Barb Jameson/Tina Bush: This year's challenge: pairing California wines into an Italian Vineyard theme..... Rob will be helping with the wines again, and will be asked to check to see if some Italian wines might be available.

Letters will be sent to the wine servers to see if they will help again.

Server outfits will be the same as last year, black slacks and white shirts, with the possible addition of red cumberbunds.

A Blind Taste Test area was discussed. After much discussion, this idea was tabled for this year, as our event may be too big and plans will become too complicated.

Menu: Julia and Tina are working on menu items, food to be an Italian theme. They are thinking of 3 appetizers per each red and white wine served. (Pinwheels, flatbreads, etc.)

Barb J will train and organize the food servers.

Entertainment – Julia Simpson: The Hipnauticals will again be the band performing at the event, and they are already secured.

Silent Auction – Sherry Grant: Sherry will ask all Hooker’s for wine and other basket stuffers. She has a procurement committee and they will be using the same business list as last year. Sherry will not be doing procurement, but will be assembling the baskets.

Pink suggested a letter and/or packet be sent out to the merchants ahead of time, as an introduction to the event. Pink and Jeannie will help with any phone calls. Julia will write a letter. Joann Greer will help with procurement, donation receipts and follow-up thank-you notes.

Event Tear Down – Lorie Tidwell/Nancy Chandler: Sign ups at the Hooker meeting in January.

3. Open Discussion

Comments were made regarding the food wagon being dirty last year. Food has to be kept either cold or warm, and the food wagon needs to be clean. We may need a refrigerated trailer.

The next meeting will be Thursday, December 15, 6pm at the Island Grill.