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**34th Annual Sunshine of the Spirit**

**High Desert Convention**

**“Trudging the Road of Happy Destiny”**

**Meeting Minutes**

**January 25, 2018**

**Action items in blue, person(s) responsible in red**

1. **Call to Order**

Melissa S, Committee Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. at the Victorville Holiday Inn with the Serenity Prayer led by Shelley M. Those in attendance: Carol W, Kim W, Linda K, Liz J, Melissa S, Richard B, Ruby M, Shelley M, Shelly J, Sue C, Michelle J, and Sandy B.

1. **Approval of Minutes of November 30, 2017.** The minutes of the November 30, 2017 meeting were read. Shelly J moved and Kim W seconded that the minutes be approved as read. The motion carried.
2. **Reports**
   1. **Chairperson/H & I –** Melissa S

Melissa S passed out the menus for review. She reported there is no H & I speaker yet. Wesley reported he is trying to determine how to provide coffee. One suggestion was to provide a convention mug which would provide unlimited coffee. This is to be determined. Wesley also stated black table cloths will be provided at no cost. White cloths will cost $3.00 each. The hotel will provide overlays of different colors for an additional cost. Convention colors are “spring colors.”

* 1. **Co-Chairperson –** Carol W

No report.

* 1. **Treasurer –** Linda K

See Treasurer’s Report. Linda stated she needed reimbursement to Carol W of $47.95 for copies of the Guidelines. Michelle J moved and Carol W seconded that she be reimbursed. The motion carried.

* 1. **Co-Treasurer** – Shelly J

Discussion followed on who would set up the card reader administrator for the tablets. There was additional discussion regarding what card reader to get. Shelly will investigate further.

* 1. **Secretary –** Sue C

No report.

* 1. **Co-Secretary** - **OPEN**
  2. **Registrar** – Kim W

Kim W discussed the registration numbers from last year’s convention. She plans to replace the file holders as they were broken. There is no need to approve the expense as she has a budget.

* 1. **Co-Registrar** – Becky B

Not present.

* 1. **Al-Anon Chairperson** – Thelma L

Abel reported Thelma L may not be able to attend many committee meetings. Loreina C will fill in for her, as needed.

* 1. **Archivist** - **OPEN**
  2. **Decorations/Speaker Host –** Liz J

Liz J stated she will call Abel as she is looking for additional speakers. Liz has a young man in mind as a speaker. She’s planning on using a cowboy boot as a centerpiece. She has a confirmed budget of $600. There is a budget of $150 for baskets for the three main speakers.

* 1. **Entertainment –** Jennifer P

Jennifer P spoke with the magician and confirmed he will charge $300 for a 45-minute strolling show and a 15-minute stand up. Friday night we will have a sober comedian who will be reimbursed for his services with tickets to the convention events.

* 1. **Golf Tournament** – David S and Richard B

David S was not present. Richard B reported the Golf Tournament will be held at the Apple Valley Golf Course. The price has gone up $2.00 from last year.

* 1. **GSR** – Lesliee A

Not present. Sue C will make contact with her about the next meeting.

* 1. **Hospitality** – Ruby M

Ruby plans to meet with Wesley for direction. She has a budget of $250.00.

* 1. **Hostesses** – Michelle J and Sandy B

Melissa S moved and Sue C seconded that Michelle J serve as chairperson and Sandy B serve as co-chairperson for Hostesses. The motion carried.

* 1. **Hosts – OPEN**
  2. **Long Timers Meeting –** Abel C

Abel C stated he spoke with Larry C. Abel will now serve as chairperson. He has invited Larry C to participate on the panel. Format was discussed.

* 1. **Marathon Meetings – OPEN**
  2. **Poker Run –** Joe C and Eddie C

Abel C announced the Joe C and Eddie C will take over the responsibilities of the Poker Run. Save the Date fliers are pending. It will be the same route as last year.

* 1. **Printing** – Richard B

Richard B would like the information needed for the registration forms by the next meeting. He needs the names of speakers.

* 1. **Public Information/Social Media** - **OPEN**
  2. **T-Shirts –** Jeff L

Not present.

* 1. **50/50 –** Deanna L and Shelley M

Deanna L was unable to attend.

1. **Old Business**
   1. **Open Convention Committee Positions** – Melissa S

Positions still open are Co-Secretary, Archivist, Hosts, Marathon Meetings, and Public Information/Social Media.

* 1. **Convention Speakers** – Melissa S and Liz J

Abel C reported that Ken S has been confirmed as the Sunday Morning Speaker.

* 1. **Banquet Menu Options** – Melissa S

It was decided to have Chicken Picatta for the banquet dinner. Our cost will be $25 a plate. The vegetarian option will be the Community Pasta at $21.50 a plate. We will charge $40 for the banquet.

* 1. **Basket Donations by Meetings for 50/50** – Melissa S and Deanna L
  2. There was a discussion about committee members going back to their home groups to see if they would be willing to donate a basket for the 50/50 raffle.
  3. **Fundraiser for Convention** – Melissa S and Linda K

Linda K reported on information she received from Chipotle and Applebees about fundraisers. We discussed holding one in the middle of March and the other in the middle of April. Linda K will secure a date for Chipotle and Richard B said he would set up the fundraiser for Applebees.

* 1. **Committee Responsibilities –** Carol W

Carol W requested that people who received their notebooks at the last meeting sign on the sign-out sheet for their notebooks. She also passed out notebooks to those chairpeople who had not received theirs yet.

1. **New Business**

There was no new business.

1. **Meeting Adjournment.**

There being no further business, it was moved by Carol W and seconded by Kim W that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting was closed with The Lord’s Prayer led by Richard B.

1. **Next Meeting**: Thursday, February 22, 2018; 6:30 pm; Holiday Inn Victorville

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue C

2018 SOTS-HDC Committee

Secretary