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**35th Annual Sunshine of the Spirit**

**High Desert Convention**

**“To Thine Own Self Be True”**

**Meeting Minutes**

**August 23, 2018**

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

1. **Call to Order**

Carol W, Committee Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. at the Victorville Holiday Inn with the Serenity Prayer led by Deanna L. Those in attendance: Alison L, Bill C, Carol W, Chris M, Cindy T, Danny D, Dave B, David W, Deanna L, Debra A, Kim W, Laura M, Linda K, Lindsey M, Liz J, Maribel L, Mary Ellen S, Randi S, Shelly J, Steve E, Sue C, and Tom W.

1. **Introductions**

Since this was the first meeting of the 2019 convention committee, Carol W asked that we go around the table to have everyone introduce themselves.

1. **Approval of Minutes of November 30, 2017.** The minutes of the June 28, 2018 meeting were read. Linda K moved and Deanna L seconded that the minutes be approved as read. The motion carried.
2. **Reports**
   1. **Chairperson** – Carol W

No report.

* 1. **Co-Chairperson –** Jennifer P

Called in. Children’s Back to School Night conflicted with meeting.

* 1. **Treasurer –** Linda K

Linda K provided the Treasurer’s Report. The beginning balance was $9,070.76. Expenses totaled $3,398.76. The ending balance is $5,797.00. The petty cash balance is $12.00. It was moved by Shelly J and seconded by Liz J that we approved the Treasurer’s Report as presented. The motion carried.

* 1. **Co-Treasurer** – Shelly J

No report.

* 1. **Secretary – OPEN**
  2. **Co-Secretary** - **OPEN**
  3. **Registrar** – Liz J

No report.

* 1. **Co-Registrar** – Randi S

No report.

* 1. **Al-Anon Chairperson** – Nicole S

Not present.

* 1. **Archivist** – **OPEN**
  2. **Carry the Message** - **OPEN**
  3. **Decorations –** Cindy T

No report.

* 1. **Entertainment – OPEN**
  2. **Golf Tournament** – **OPEN**
  3. **General Service Meeting** – Lesliee A

Called in. Not able to make this month’s meeting. Will be at September meeting.

* 1. **H&I Meeting** – Melissa S

Not present.

* 1. **Hospitality** – **OPEN**
  2. **Hostesses** – **OPEN**
  3. **Hosts – OPEN**
  4. **Long Timers Meeting –** Mary Ellen S

Has some ideas for the Long Timers meeting. Will get together with Carol W to discuss.

* 1. **Marathon Meetings – OPEN**
  2. **Poker Run –** Chris M

No report.

* 1. **Printing** – Sue C

No report.

* 1. **Programs** – **OPEN**
  2. **Public Information/Social Media** – **OPEN**
  3. **Speaker Host** – Laura M

No report.

* 1. **T-Shirts –** Maribel L

No report.

* 1. **50/50 – OPEN**

1. **Old Business**

There was no old business.

1. **New Business** 
   1. **Open Positions**

Carol W shared that we currently have the following positions open: Secretary, Co-Secretary, Archivist, Carry the Message, Entertainment, Golf Tournament, Hospitality, Hostesses, Hosts, Marathon Meetings, Programs, Public Information/Social Media, and 50/50. She read the sobriety requirements for some of the positions. The following individuals volunteered for positions: Dave B, Co-Secretary; Bill C, Archivist; Kim W and Lindsey M, Hostesses; and Danny D and David W, Hosts. Carol W shared that we have plenty of time to fill the remaining open positions.

* 1. **Board of Directors Member at Large**

Per our convention bylaws, a member-at-Large is selected from our current convention committee members to sit on the Board of Directors. Liz J was nominated for this position. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

* 1. **2019 SOTS-HDC Convention Pricing**

Presented to the committee as information only, the Board of Directors adopted the following pricing for the 2019 Convention:

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| **EVENT** | **2018 Cost** | **2019 Cost** |
| Preregistration | $17.00 | $20.00 |
| Registration | $20.00 | $25.00 |
| Golf Tournament | $50.00 | $60.00 |
| Friday Entertainment | $10.00 | $10.00 |
| Poker Run | $25.00 | $30.00 |
| Al-Anon Luncheon | $25.00 | Al-Anon will determine |
| Pool Party/BBQ | $10.00 | $10.00 |
| Saturday Night Banquet | $40.00 | $45.00 |
| Saturday Night Dance | Included with registration | Included with registration |

Some discussion followed regarding the justification for raising the prices on the registration and banquet. It was explained that our former preregistration cost of $17.00 and registration cost of $20.00 is actually less than most conventions are charging. We have maintained these prices for many years despite the fact that our costs continue to increase each year. Additionally, for those who choose to pay online through PayPal, we pay a minimal fee back to PayPal for using their service. Regarding the banquet price increase, this past year we were limited in our choices of meals because of the amount we charged. Raising the price by $5.00 would give us a few more choices.

* 1. **2019 SOTS-HDC Budget**

Linda K presented the 2019 SOTS-HDC Budget adopted by the Board of Directors for information.

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| **DESCRIPTION** | **2019 Proposed** |
| Al-Anon Reimbursement | $1250.00 |
| Carry the Message | $200.00 |
| Chairperson’s Gift | $75.00 |
| Decorations | $600.00 |
| Entertainment | $1200.00 |
| Golf Tournament | $850.00 |
| Gratis - Speakers | $1200.00 |
| Gratis – Long Timers | $120.00 |
| Gratis – Tapers | $350.00 |
| Hospitality | $250.00 |
| Hotel | $9500.00 |
| Marathon | $50.00 |
| P.O. Box | $110.00 |
| PA & Sound | $225.00 |
| PayPal | $250.00 |
| Poker Run | $300.00 |
| Printing | $700.00 |
| Registration | $300.00 |
| Secretary/BOD | $100.00 |
| Speaker Baskets | $150.00 |
| T-Shirts | $750.00 |
| Website | $200.00 |
| **TOTALS** | **$18,530.00** |

Dave B questioned why we budgeted $225.00 for PA & Sound when our costs for last year for this service was $682.26. Carol W said it would be researched and brought back to the next meeting.

1. **Meeting Adjournment.**

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7:31 pm with The Lord’s Prayer led by David W.

1. **Next Meeting**: Thursday, October 25, 2018; 6:30 pm; Holiday Inn Victorville

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol W

2019 SOTS-HDC Chairman