

RESIDENT EVENTS MEETING 9/9/24

EXCUSED: Bonnie, Denise, Laurie, Jean, Cathy, Judith, Dave, Nancy T, Shelly, Patty & Barbara.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer not present. Gary reported there was approximately an \$8,000 surplus after all expenses were paid, so roughly \$6,000 was given to the restaurant for some items that were identified by the new chef. Those items were a sneeze guard & platters for the buffet, and some accessories for the bar. Gary bought new traffic cones with retractable barrier tape for use in the parking lot for several of our events such as the farmer's market, food trucks and cornhole tournaments.

UPDATE FROM JB BELKNAP & HGRD BOARD VP PETER OVERS: JB & Peters thanked our committee profusely for all our efforts and successful events on behalf of the residents and for the donations that made the above purchases possible. JB told us that the county permitting process is about 3 months behind so the ballroom bar renovation may be delayed another 5 months. A portable bar has also been ordered with the money mentioned in the treasurer's report. Peter further said that the curtain has been ordered for the stage, ductwork has been added there & in the AV area to prevent overheating, and the projection screen is in. There will be a training session on how to access and use the new screen that Gary will attend. It is expected that we will be able to project images or videos on that screen for our dances. We will no longer be using the skirting around the stage. All the electrical work has been upgraded and the dressing rooms are done. The backstage bathroom is still being discussed as putting one in has turned out to be more problematic and costly than previously thought. A portable handicap lift has been ordered for ADA access to the stage.

JB informed us that online ticket ordering for events is still being worked out with North Star & the HGRD staff. It is not expected that it will be operational by the Halloween dance. Once it is operational, residents will have the choice to buy tickets online or go to the HGRD office to buy them in person.

Those committee members present expressed gratitude to both gentlemen for coming to the meeting and keeping us informed.

JIGSAW COMPETITION REPORT: Marla thanked Susan, Gary and Shelly for their help with the last competition; and to Gary for designing the spreadsheet to help keep all player info organized. Twenty-four residents took part in the second competition on 8/22/24. Feedback was positive from the players. The cost of the event was \$201.52; \$150 of that was for the prizes. The puzzles for the next competition have already been bought and those were \$103.92 because we plan to have 12 teams in-season. Also planned is a harder Tournament of Champions at the end of the season. We discussed when to hold the next 2 competitions and decided to have the 12 team one in January and the Tournament of Champions in March. Marla will arrange dates with Wendy.

FOOD TRUCK WEEK REVIEW: Feedback has been positive, and the trucks did good business. We plan to repeat this event next summer when the kitchen is closed for cleaning.

FARMER'S MARKET UPDATE: Gary reported the bread and fish trucks are coming weekly but the veggie vendor has gone out of business. He is looking for a replacement. On the third Thursday of each month, knife sharpening, fairy hair and island clothing vendors will also be present. In 2 weeks, the pierogi vendor will begin attending weekly.

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT: We will be having another competition on November 10 from 1-6:30pm. Volunteers are needed to keep score and will be trained. Gary reported that as a committee we cannot donate funds to help cornhole become an amenity. We can hold the tournament to generate interest, and we can buy items needed for that. Once there is proven sustained interest by the residents, then they can go before the Facilities & Amenities committee to request amenity status. Much discussion ensued and it was decided that we would buy water for the participants and scoring flip cards for the score keepers. Another suggestion was to buy a speaker & microphone.

FOOD TRUCK & ICE CREAM TRUCK UPDATE: Deferred until Denise is available.

DANCES: Discussion ensued about possibly lowering ticket prices, but no changes made. Halloween will be \$20pp. Our breakeven point is \$1,600 for that dance. Double Dare is booked.

New Years Eve will be \$20pp. From the Edge is booked.

Ben Allen dance will be \$25pp. Booked.

Dazzling Delray's also booked and will be \$20 pp.

None of the dances will have food included in the price. Food will be offered by the restaurant.

The summer dance band has not been booked. Martie is considering the Collaboration Band or the Trop Rock Junkies. She asked that members go to Fisherman's Village on 9/21/24, 5-9pm, to hear Trop Rock Junkies play. She also informed us that Janine has planned but not yet announced the season opening dance on Nov 15th with Deb & the Dynamics.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 7, 2024, 1pm in Activity Room A

Submitted by Marla Pierce