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MINUTES ¹ OF FGCC OPERATING BOARD MEETING SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2008 AT 10:30 AM Home of Ted and John - Events Couple Clearwater, FL

PRESENT:

Amy and Laurie, Melissa and Kim, Marta and Linda, Nichole and Elizabeth, and Ted and John

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM.

OPENING REMARKS: The Chair Couple thanked the current board for working together in a positive manner and for their initiative in completing new tasks and assignments promptly and efficiently.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 2008 MEETING:

The meeting minutes for February 2008 were approved unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The Finance Couple reports recent activity, which included deposits totaling \$80 in February. After a \$300 withdrawal for Metropolitan Ministries for the St. Patrick's Day Celebration venue fee, the total account balance is \$5358.98 as of this date.

PRIORITY BUSINESS

Winter Pride Wrap-Up

Board Members split up names on sign-in sheet collected at Winter Pride for follow-up calls to invite these couples to the St. Patrick's Day Celebration.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

- 10 Couples have RSVP'd as of the date of this board meeting.
- Contract with O'Keefes has already been made by Events Couple. Price of the entrée is not known yet, will depend on how much meat will be needed according to final count.
- Side dishes and desserts are still needed to complete the buffet. Board Couples volunteered to bring side dishes.

¹ Formal actions by the Board appear in bold face.

- It was noted that candles are not permitted at MCC venue. Table cloths, balloons and place settings will be provided for decoration.
- Board discussed specifics of 3-tier floor set up for eating and dancing at MCC. Seating for 60 people is available.
- Discussion that Board Members volunteering to assist with set-up can arrive at MCC at 5:30 pm, and the group needs to be out of the venue by 11:30 pm or be charged an additional fee.
- Global email planned to let people know directions to MCC location. Global should be sent this Thursday night for next Friday's RSVP deadline.
- Beverages, plates, cups, napkins – available from past events.
- Volunteers to bring coolers: Nichole and Elizabeth, Amy and Laurie, and Kim and Melissa.
- This event can be used as an opportunity to present Liability Waivers.
- Alcohol is permitted on premises and event will be "BYOB".

Activities:

- Raffle of centerpieces discussed.
- Details of Musical Shamrocks (a game like Musical Chairs) and Irish Jig dance-off were discussed.
- 2 prizes needed. **A certificate for \$10 off the Annual Dinner Dance and a certificate for \$10 off membership renewal were approved by the Board as prizes.**
- The Board designated \$1 per ticket and \$5 for 6 tickets for 50/50 raffle.
- Budget for this event will be \$500.

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- John and Ted to be reimbursed for fee to rent a location at Fort Desoto Park.

MEMBER SERVICES ENHANCEMENTS

Lanyards and Name Tags

- New Member Services Couple presented options for nametag improvements. Various lanyard designs were discussed, as well as lamination of nametags.
- Prices of each were compared from Staples and online vendors.

Board voted 6 to 4 in favor of ordering plain blue lanyards with no imprint.

Anniversary Cards

New Member Services Couple proposed ordering 100 cards of new style for \$63.

Board voted unanimously to purchase.

- Board Members agreed that anniversary cards should be hand signed by all board members before distribution.

BUDDY COUPLES AND ATTENTION TO NEW MEMBERS

Discussed efforts to gain involvement of new members by use of a “Buddy Couple” system. Would entail current members to attend to and introduce new couples to other members during FGCC events.

- A proposal was made to rotate by Board Couple attendees to new members in a sponsorship manner.
- A proposal was made to request volunteers from membership to help new members in the next FGCC Newsletter.
- Board members agreed to refer to this new member system officially as the “Buddy Couples” system.

Motion by Chair Couple approved to move discussion of the standardized term of membership to the next board meeting in consideration of time constraints during this meeting.

REPORTS FROM BOARD COUPLES

MEDIA/INTERNET COUPLE: Noted that website continues to improve.

VICE CHAIR COUPLE: Still waiting on IRS contact concerning tax issues. It was also noted that the FGCC Directory is on track to be completed in April and the Global email system has been set up with Vice Chair.

EVENTS COUPLE: Events couples mentioned planning for FGCC Garage and Bake Sale is in the planning stage.

MEMBER SERVICES COUPLE: Report given earlier in meeting.

FINANCE COUPLE: Report given earlier in meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Board discussed best time of year to set FGCC Garage sale to catch “snowbirds” and decided to push date to April.

- Events Couple Ted and John offered to hold sale at their home on the 12th with possible assistance of members Diane and Cindy who live nearby.
- Global email to announce date and location to be sent asking couples to begin drop-off items the weekend before the event to Ted and John.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Next board meeting time and location to be held after Brunch Cruise, of which several board members might be attending. Chair Couple volunteers to research location for next meeting and email this communication to other board members.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.