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**MINUTES ¹ OF
FGCC OPERATING BOARD MEETING
SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2008 at 10:30 AM.
HOME OF FINANCE COUPLE - MARTA AND LINDA**

PRESENT:

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

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 AM.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2008 MEETING:

Board Members will review the June 1, 2008 minutes and e-mail their approval to the Vice Chair as soon as they are able to thoroughly review them.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Finance Couple reports a beginning balance on 6/1/08 of \$4931.63 and an ending balance on 6/22/08 of \$4828.31. This includes an \$88 charge for the Website "Calendar Wiz" fee and \$15.12 for stamps for Member Services supplies.

PRIORITY BUSINESS:

I. St. Pete Pride

The logo submitted to Sir Speedy to make a new FGCC banner turned out distorted and unusable. A new member couple working with the Chair Couple, Froila and Emily, have volunteered to create a high-resolution logo to Sir Speedy and have been assured that the banner will be ready by the day of the Pride celebration.

The Chair Couple has been meeting with volunteers to complete a float for Pride. They report this is going well and that the next float committee meeting is this Monday.

¹ Formal actions by the Board appear in bold face.

Ted and John discussed his idea for marching couples to carry “number balloons” depicting how many years they have been together. He reports that these are available at local Albertson’s markets.

This option for marching couples will be included in the next global e-mail concerning the Pride celebration. As well, the RSVP date for volunteering as marchers will be set the day prior to Pride to catch as many volunteers as possible.

The Chair Couple reported that the Pride Parade begins at 10am the morning of Pride. It is noted that last year it was approximately 1 hour before FGCC’s place in line began moving. Marchers are to assemble in the parking lot across from Georgie’s Alibi in St. Pete. It was also noted that marchers cannot park in that lot. Laurie and Amy passed out a map of the parade route that also showed where marchers can park and take shuttles to the meeting site.

FGCC has been assigned booth #720, which will be supplied with electricity, a table, and two chairs.

Amy and Laurie volunteered to bring a power cord and strip for the booth and drop them off at the booth the morning of the event. They also volunteered to bring two extra chairs for the booth volunteers that morning.

Board members discussed that they have 2 tower fans to bring to the booth to assist in cooling down booth volunteers.

Decorations for the booth were discussed. Ted and John continue to work on updating the photo collage for the booth. Nichole and Elizabeth will also be bringing a digital photo frame to further display member activities and pictures to booth visitors.

Brochures and sign up sheets will be printed this week for inclusion in the booth display. These will include a “Passport to Fun” for potential members to bring for inclusion in future events. The After Pride Picnic on 7/13/08 will be the primary event mentioned to potential members to motivate their attendance and hopeful sign up with FGCC.

Coolers filled with ice and beverages will be present at the booth, as well as in back of the parade float vehicle. Amy and Laurie, Marta and Linda, and Nichole and Elizabeth will supply these.

Nichole and Elizabeth reported that we have 12 marchers that have volunteered for the parade thus far.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

I. After Pride Picnic:

Ted reported that Ft. Desoto site requires a verbal recommitment one week before our scheduled event. John and Ted volunteer to take care of this activity.

A list of food and supplies that need to be purchased was discussed. This included: Hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, soda, water, and hamburger "fixings." Board couples decided that 60 patties and hot dogs each will be sufficient. As well, board couples will each bring ice filled coolers. Nichole and Elizabeth volunteered to bring chaffing pans to keep picnic items warm. Ted of John volunteered to man the grill and it is noted that one more volunteer to grill is needed. Ted and John also volunteer to bring table clothes for pavilion tables.

Kim and Melissa volunteer to bring lettuce, tomato, and onions to the event.

Linda and Marta volunteer to bring all condiments, including mayo, mustard, ketchup and relish.

Linda of Marta volunteered to make signs directing picnic goers to the north pavilion and to place these on the road(s) into Ft. Desoto Park to facilitate members easily finding the event location.

Ted discussed ideas for decorating the Ft. Desoto pavilion.

Board members will take turns staffing the greeting table.

The following activities were suggested: sandcastle building contest, back-swing ball game, Cornholing Championship.

Ted and John also suggest bringing several board games to be set up for participation by those member couples that do not wish to participate in the more physically active events at the Picnic.

Cornholing sets will be requested from Karen and Brenda, as well as from Joan and Tammy. Nichole and Elizabeth and Linda and Marta volunteer to bring their sets as well. This is in an attempt to expedite the Cornholing contest timeframe.

Kim of Melissa volunteered to price trophies to put together a Cornholing Trophy, which can be passed down to winning couples at the following year's picnic. Ted volunteered to look for "corn" to tie to trophy. Nichole and Elizabeth volunteer to research available Cornholing trophies on the Internet and report back to the Board on their progress.

Fundraising events at the Picnic will include a 50/50 raffle and sale of the FGCC Cookbook, which is being put together by the Vice Chair and Chair Couples.

The Vice Chair will send global e-mail announcing the Picnic and at least one reminder. Picnic participants will be encouraged to bring their own chairs. The global email will also request members to bring their dishes in disposable containers or place their names on containers to facilitate the clean-up process. The advertised time period of the Picnic will be 11am to 4 pm. The contact couple will be Ted and John, and the RSVP deadline will be 7/10/08.

NEW BUSINESS

I. The Finance Couple will prepare a quarterly report of expenditures to monitor spending, facilitate planning for FGCC-subsidized events, and track our quarterly \$500 event budget.

II. Chair Couple reports that the FGCC Website host had an in-house fire, which caused outages of several of its client's websites, including FGCC's. The host has offered to give us a free credit voucher to cover future fees for 1 year as compensation for the inconvenience.

III. FGCC Annual Dinner Dance. Board members discussed the need to reserve a venue as soon as possible. Ted volunteered to explore venues for the event, including Tucson's in Clearwater, which appears to have available space to accommodate the large event.

REPORTS FROM BOARD COUPLES

Chair/Media/Internet Couple: No other new business was reported.

Vice Chair Couple: Couple reports that Kim continues to collect recipes for the cookbook fundraising project and expects to have 35 recipes when completed. Laurie and Amy volunteer to proofread the cookbook. New member couple Froila and Emily volunteered to do the graphics for the cover of the cookbook.

Events Couple: No other new business was reported.

Member Services: Couple reports they will continue to hand out permanent nametags at events by hand to decrease expenditures for mailing them.

Finance Couple: No other new business was reported.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board Meeting will be held at the New Port Richey home of Vice Chair Couple Kim and Melissa on Sunday, August 3, at 10:30 am.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment of meeting was at 12:15 pm.