

Minutes

Friends of Menucha Foundation

August 13, 2018

At the home of Rick Lee in Portland, OR

Present: Rick Lee, Donna Leamy, Chris Rasmussen, Derek Foote, Spencer Parks, and Susan Hedlund

Meeting called to order at 6:31pm with a special happy birthday to Donna.

- Chris opened with prayer.
- No revisions to the agenda.
- Minutes from July 16, 2018 were reviewed and approved by common consent.
- Financial Report: Derek
 - No report available, Tim is on a month-long vacation and was not able to provide financials.
 - Bank balance as of 8/12/18 \$167,908.69.
- 2018 Summer Fair & Ice Cream Social
 - See separate preliminary report provided by Donna. Expected net proceeds are about \$988.
 - We had minimal complaints. Some areas for improvement:
 - Container for bottles and cans.
 - Relocate the outhouses for ease of access.
 - Vendors felt they couldn't see what was going on. They liked facing each other, but felt isolated.
 - Stand-alone games could move to bottom half of the big open area to spread things out more.
 - No seating in front of musicians, so people sat near food or ice cream. Performers did not get interaction or feedback. Can move the picnic tables and keep the food where it's at.
 - Consider moving the ice cream. Lot of people out on the edges, the overall area was too big.
 - Becky and Lauren talked about needing someone checking in with volunteering to rotate them out for breaks or bring them food/water.
 - Menucha staff have not debriefed the event yet and may have more feedback
 - People had a great time in general. Loved sitting on the terrace visiting and could watch their kids play.
 - For a first go-around it went really well. We will continue the event in 2019.
 - Hillary and Matt did a ton of work, they created a large frame work but the manpower will still need to be created.
 - Tim's staff was about 2-days of work to get ready. Not sure on kitchen staff.
 - It's a lot more work than the croquet tournament but the environment was great.
 - We gave out 62 lunch vouchers. Seems a lot.
 - Vendors got wrist bands and vouchers which is very generous. Maybe can dial that back.
 - What can we staff with volunteers instead of Menucha staff in the future?
 - Croquet tournament in two years was \$3,300-\$3,600. We're on our way!

- Fall Fundraiser
 - Ticket sales are good, We sold 4-5 tables including head table. 14 tables total (if we sell out)
 - Volunteer positions are full. We may need to shuffle volunteers if we have too many.
 - Spencer thinks we can find music. Susan will see if her husband can help. Something jazzy.
 - We need a party favor:
 - In the past have done things like bookmarks, candles, candy, jam, recipe cards.
 - Spend as little as possible. \$1 per person or so.
 - Need center pieces:
 - We have vases and can figure something out.
 - Wine is purchased, and menu is set. We have gifts of wines for speaker.
- Website Update
 - Gerry is in charge. Doing a good job. Not present at meeting for update.
- Recent Complaint/Concern
 - Erich copied Susan on an email apology to someone who came to the First Pres picnic. There was a group of teenagers at the pool using a lot of profanity and racist remarks.
 - Complaint should have been registered with Commission.
 - Spencer has been communicating with the people involved and with Menucha staff. The board decided this concern was not within the Friends of Menucha foundation purview.
- Dinner Board Meetings
 - Down to 3-4 board members who can host meetings. It can be a challenge when working full time and the board has also grown in size.
 - Challenge for some to travel to Menucha and/or Spencer's. Board members are scattered throughout the Portland area.
 - Discussed possibility of signing up in advance and holding it at Menucha or First Pres to fill in the gaps. There is also the possibility of using restaurants from time-to-time.
 - Plan on setting a schedule and fleshing this out in the October meeting.
- Greeters and Menucha
 - Donna will send an email. List not present.
- Update on Donations
 - Currently at 56.9% of goal. We're in great shape since we haven't had the dinner yet.
- Executive Directors Time
 - Matt and Hillary have been at Menucha six weeks and will be going home on Wednesday. They will be missed. It was "the best summer their family has ever had."
 - They want to stay involved and will help however they can long-distance.
 - Started painting the office building. It's about 25% done.
 - Spencer is trying to line up a sabbatical. Likely February, March, October, and November 2019
 - Feb/March stay at home and farm
 - Oct/Nov in Puerto Rico and France
 - Organizing the intentional community has taken up a bunch of time. They were approved for 5 people and 3 have confirmed, a fourth person has failed to respond. The fifth person is working on obtaining his visa (from Nigeria). Hoping it will work out.
- Next Meeting will be the fall dinner, Sept. 9
- Meeting concluded with a prayer from Rick at 7:20pm

Respectfully submitted,

Derek Foote
Treasurer