October 2016 Board Meeting

Minutes of Bon Vivant Board Meeting – Saturday, October 8, 2016

The Bon Vivant Board meeting was called to order by President Yvonne Perez at 1:05 pm.

Due to Hurricane Matthew, the meeting was held by phone conference.

Present at the phone conference meeting were the following:


The following agenda items were discussed:

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

Deficit/Shortage of $5,889.72, mainly caused by a lower attendance. Balance in checking account is $8,690.89 after all the expenditures, which equates to roughly two years’ worth of revenue.

2. **Overview of 2016 11TH anniversary – pros and cons of music, raffles and games.**

Laura and Nancy suggest to maybe setup a children’s area for activities next year.

3. **2017 Hotel Venue**
The events will occur in a stand-alone building conference area that seats up to 1,000 people. Rooms will be in a tower next to the conference room building.

Pricing for the Friday, June 16th dinner event is $25, plus 24% service charge and 6.5% tax.

Pricing for the Saturday, June 17th dinner event is $36, plus 24% service charge and 6.5% tax.

The children’s meal will stay the same price as last year. Wine will be $21 per bottle.

There will be a Father’s Day brunch for $30 per person, plus 24% service charge and 6.5% tax, on Sunday, June 18th.

The rooms will run at a rate of $115 per night. The breakfast buffet for Saturday and Sunday is not included, it’s extra ($15 including tax and service charge).

4. **2017 Band – Creig Camacho & Mystik NRG**

Creig is having issues with throat and is doing vocal therapy. He can do both nights, but may have to do only two sets as opposed to three sets.

He suggests on Friday night we do the four piece band like before.

The larger four piece band will play Saturday and include Creig Camacho.

We do not know the pricing yet but we will wait to see what happens and follow up with Creig in November to finalize.

5. **Review of Registration Form for 2017 (raise registration fee?)**

The cost for attending the event will be $80.34 per person for two nights.

If we charge $90 per night, it would give the Club an additional $9.66 per night in funds.

6. **Add brunch to Registration Form and discuss price?**

The Father’s Day brunch will be $40 (price includes the $9.15 tax & service charge) per person and will be added to the registration form. The time of the brunch will be from 9 am to 1 pm.

7. **2017 Raffle prizes and ticket preparation/mailing**
8. **Photographer for 2017 party event**

Mark Pino and Edith Pino (Henry Ledee’s sister) were the photographers for the 2016 event and did a wonderful job. Their daughter will be getting married in June of next year, but as long as it does not conflict with Bon Vivant’s dates, they have agreed to be the photographers again next year.

9. **Discuss newly created position of Chairperson of decoration committee/ Nancy Rabess**

Balloons will be placed on the ceiling as opposed to having an arch due to the balloons losing helium.
It will allow for the set up to be much faster, with better organization.
We will continue to use the red runners with the new addition of the Eiffel Tower centerpiece.
For helium, an option would be to rent the helium instead of purchasing helium tanks.
There will be about 25 tables total for the Saturday evening in 2017.
Nancy Rabess will donate a map to the next event and it will be a post card laminate covering the settlement of the French as a souvenir for the attendees.

10. **Discuss adding a 5th Officer (for internet and social media responsibilities)**

Board decided a 5th Officer for internet and social media responsibilities is not necessary as this function can be delegated amongst the current board members.
Stephanie Mason and Henry Ledee are willing to help out. Laura will get with Stephanie Mason, Sue Blanchard and Henry Ledee on the transition of this responsibility, along with updating the website.

11. **Ballot for 2017-2020 Officer Elections**

Those who have accepted the nominations for the officer positions are as follows:

- **President:** Phil LaPlace and James Turbe
- **Vice President:** Marc Blanchard, Yvonne Perez, James Turbe
- **Secretary:** Nancy Rabess and possibly two more
- **Treasurer:** Patricia Bernier, Angela Blanchard, Harry Quetel

The current Officers, namely Yvonne Perez (President), Lee Mason (Vice President), Laura Terry (Secretary) and John (Harry) Quetel (Treasurer) will automatically become Board members of the club.
Board Members, who are not running for the board again (Lee & Laura) will count the
The ballot will also include a section where attendees can vote on whether they would prefer to continue with the travel voucher as a raffle prize or whether they prefer cash instead.

New Officers will do the Newsletter. Laura has saved everything that Sue Blanchard has sent her and she will be available to help everyone through on the transition of the Newsletter.

The meeting adjourned at to 2:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Mason, Vice President