

Lake Limerick Inn Committee minutes from November 11, 2017

Chairperson: Sheila Nokes

Members present: Sue Bird, Penny Cory, Pat Derheim, Emily Fleshman, Sharon Hadsall, Nancy Milliman, Bonnie Morrow, Dorothy Powter, Dixie Scherting, Marty Williams, Mary Ann Wagner and Paul Wagner.

Guests: Don Hautala, Debbie Galbraith Will and Joyce Reynolds.

Meeting was called to order at 930 am by Sheila Nokes

Minutes: from October 2017 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Restaurant report: Chef Brandon; Things are slowing down as expected but we are doing well to minimize losses by lowering staff and utilizing limited menus to reduce waste. Starting next week we shall try out a game night on Wednesday to hopefully generate more business. We are going to start with a happy hour menu for this and as popularity grows we shall implement some possible themed buffets. Also we have the Thanksgiving Buffet coming up. December has several catering events scheduled. The café is still quite slow due to the weather so I am considering another cut back to hours or days of operation to minimize losses.

Sue Bird Reported she, Don Bird and Brandon cleaned outdoor ice/storage unit extensively. No set winter schedule policy in place yet to minimize losses during slow winter season. Café hours and scheduling have been reduced. Inn committee wants chef Brandon and Deborah Wallace (CAM) to be a part of the process for presenting a winter plan to be present to board before their next meeting.

Financial report:

Monthly report discussed. Numbers were not off by much from budget estimates by CAM. Expenses for management are much lower with current food and beverage manager than in previous years. Note: last year Café was closed from October 31, 2016 thru March 1, 2017.

Old Business:

1. Trunk or Treat-event was held on October 29, 2017. Event was a big success helped by mild and dry weather. It was attended by numerous families and over 100 children dressed in costume. Expenses by residents for decorations and treats resulted in no outlays from LL organizations. Possibly accept donations next year who those who can't attend.

2. Lounge project-chaired by Sue Bird subcommittee reported walls and ceiling tile painted. Another work party should finish touch ups and window treatments and lighting. All work done with donation from Magpies and volunteers.

3. Comment cards-agree to use smaller size cards and print in office. Also, refurbish comment box and have both ready for display and use mid November.
4. Sound system upgrades-has been address for great hall and put on wish list to board of directors.
5. Upper deck railing-inn committee approved hog wire fencing and will send issue back to Deborah Wallace (CAM).
6. Newspaper article-concerning feature on Chef Brandon to raise awareness that café and golf open to public should be tabled until winter schedule is in place.

Future events:

1. Thanksgiving buffet-will be advertised on reader board and reservations are advised.
2. Tom/Jerry party to be held December 9 from 5-7pm. Hall will be decorated by Magpies previously. Concerns about making sure to get the background for the party were discussed with one suggestion for promoting ugly Christmas sweater contest to improve interest.
3. End of summer bash-Deb Galbraith-Will volunteered to run event next year. To be discussed at next meeting on December 9.

New business:

1. Café and Inn closing for cleaning: schedule for January 2-10, 2018. Professionally cleaned last spring and regular maintenance schedule setup and implemented should help process. Penny Cory made a motion to present to the board to keep café open 2 days depending on if winter schedule is in place. Seconded by Nancy Milliman. Passed 12 yay , one nay.
2. Christmas event-event will be held on December 3rd. Sub committee formed by Bonnie Morrow with Mary Ann Wagner, Emily Fleshman, Sharon Hadsall and Sheila Nokes participating .Tree lighting ceremony will be held on patio in front of bar/restaurant at 4 pm. To be followed by family friendly dinner featuring children's items. Families are welcome to take personal photos with Santa with photography responsibility of individuals. This event will be advertised on Lake Limerick website.

Paul Wagner on behave of the board of directors would like the Inn committee to discuss ideas to increase utilization of restaurant, lounge and café.

In that regard Bonnie Morrow is implementing a Wednesday night card party night. Will report on reaction in hopes it will increase business on slow night of the week.

Motion to adjourn made by Bonnie Morrow and seconded by Mary Ann Wagner at 115 am.

Submitted to Inn committee chairperson Sheila Nokes and board of directors by

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Acting secretary Inn Committee