

LLCC Inn Committee Minutes
April 8, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Rhonda Mayner.

Attending: Penny Cory, Pat Derheim, Emily Fleshman, Sharon Hadsall, Rhonda Mayner, Bona McDonald, Bonnie Morrow, Sheila Nokes, Dorothy Powter, Deana Query, Clara Robinson, Nan Stricklin, Mary Ann Wagner, Paul Wagner, Marty Williams.

Excused: Sharon Haworth, Tamra Ingwaldsen, Jeannine Metz, Donna Miller, Dixie Scherting

Guests: Phyl Antonson, Kelly Evans, MaryLou Hughes, Ted Lovgren, Bill McDonald, Tim McKern, Dennis Muretta

Approval of Minutes: Bonnie Morrow moved and Sharon Hadsall seconded to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2017 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Restaurant Report: In response to why Michelle was no longer employed as our chef, Rhonda stated that Michelle did not have the management skills needed to train and supervise our staff, and what we really need is a good cook with management skills, not necessarily a chef. Applicants for the job have been screened and two have been chosen for further examination. Kelly asserted that there will be thorough vetting of the candidates, and a 90-day probation. We hope to have one of them on board very soon.

Financial Report: Paul reviewed totals as of March 31. Liquor sales of \$5,800 in the lounge and \$3,400 in the restaurant grossed over \$9,000. A gross of \$6,500 - \$7,000 in liquor sales covers all costs in the bar. The restaurant gross of \$10,200 is higher than expected. Banquets went from losing \$10,000 - \$15,000 to making a small profit with the improvements that have been implemented. We still have high labor costs of over \$12,000. Washington's automatic COLA makes it difficult, but we do have lower costs than previously, and we will have better numbers as the year progresses. We collected \$250 in social privileges dues. Paul commented it might be beneficial to have a social privilege package for monthly rentals. He also reported the \$50 annual fee is less than the \$80 each member pays to subsidize the Inn, and we should look at increasing the fee for social privileges. Regarding telephone expense, Bill McDonald asked why there is no telephone at the front desk in the dining room. There was also discussion about where drinks served in the restaurant and food served in the lounge, respectively, were credited.

Old Business:

St. Patrick's Day was a big success. The lounge was full, the games and prizes, thanks to Mary Ann and Sharon Hadsall, were great, as were Dale's special drinks and fast service. The only complaint was that by the time commuters and weekenders arrived, the games were over. A second round later in the evening was suggested, if

someone will volunteer to run those games. The special menu was well received, especially the corned beef and cabbage.

Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 15, 10 a.m. -- Emily accepted the offer of Wake-Up Espresso to provide the hot chocolate. She'll be setting up at 8:00 a.m., making coffee and hiding the eggs. There will be different areas for three age groups. She would welcome help from those who are willing and able.

Easter Brunch, Sunday, April 16, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. A special brunch menu will be served in the Pro Shop.

Fishing Derby, Saturday, April 22 – Dennis Muretta reported the state had stocked the lake the previous day. He said they have some really good prizes. Tickets are available at DJ's, the Pro Shop, and the office. Breakfast will be served in the restaurant from 8:30 – 11:00, with a lunch of hot dogs and chips from 11:00 – 1:30. Rhonda asked for volunteers to fill three shifts, 8 – 10, 10 – 12, and 12 – 2. Each shift will require five people: two cashiers and three food servers. One of the Pro Shop cooks will prepare the food. Kelly will ask Deborah if she could schedule a qualified staff person to run credit cards. Rhonda noted that it would be beneficial to have two bartenders to speed up the service.

Mother's Day Brunch, Sunday, May 14 – Rhonda noted we can't put out much information until we have a new kitchen manager/chef.

Café Report -- Paul reported the status is constantly in motion and will be improving. Sheila Nokes said she hears complaints that dishes aren't prepared the same as they used to be, or as the other cook did it yesterday, and the service is slow. Paul said Tom needs to be told if there's a problem so it can be fixed. Overflow customers can still be seated in the If Ida Room. It was noted that the seating is somewhat crowded in certain areas.

Minors in the Lounge – Barb Betterley had volunteered to research the law, but she was not present. Rhonda said from what she has learned, there must be a physical barrier, such as a railing, to prevent a minor from getting near the bar.

Great Hall Acoustics -- Penny Cory and Bona McDonald met with the resident who is interested in helping to improve the sound in the Great Hall. He is an acoustical engineer, as well as a musician, and he thinks the room has great acoustics, just too many hard, flat surfaces. He suggested using carpeting on the bulletin boards and on two sloping surfaces on the upper ceiling. He also said our PA system is too small. We need bigger speakers, 15" rather than the 12" we have, and four or six rather than two. Penny also showed us the mock-up of a half-barrel-shaped slatted cover for the speakers that he had suggested could be used to distribute the sound around the room, rather than point straight at the uncovered flat surfaces. They thanked him for his time and ideas, but realized it was getting beyond our means at this time.

Décor and Entrance – Penny pointed out that the height of the door separating the coffee area and the dining room had been lowered to the height of the other doors. Emily said she would recover the screen she has donated to shield the coffee area from the view of the diners. Dorothy suggested that the ashtray outside the lower front door be moved away from the entrance. Kelly said he and Joe had examined that entrance to remove the trip hazard caused by the raised edge of the lower slab of the sidewalk adjoining the entrance, and the curled edge of the rug in front of the door. Joe said he can remove the rug and smooth the difference in levels with concrete to eliminate the raised edge. This would avoid damaging the tree root that has raised the slab.

New Business:

Offer for piano –there has been an offer to purchase the piano that is in the Great Hall. It was noted that the piano is very heavy, has no wheels, and is difficult to move; unsupervised kids bang away on it frequently; and it's in the way more than it's used. However, it is used by soloists at some memorials and occasionally other functions, approximately four or five times a year. Emily Fleshman moved and Sharon Hadsall seconded to sell the piano. The motion passed 8 to 2.

Community Garage Sale – Penny Cory moved and Bona McDonald seconded to hold the community garage sale on Saturday, July 29. Motion passed unanimously.

Application for Social Privileges for Michael Bloxom, who resides on Tipperary, has been submitted by sponsor Linda Trout, a member in good standing. The committee has no objection, no further action required.

Other:

Pool table – Ted Lovgren announced he has a pool table which he would like to donate to the club, if we want it. He wondered if we could use it in the Crow's Nest. Kelly pointed out that we used that room for meetings, and we can't give up the space. The committee thanked Ted for his generous offer.

Youth Committee – Emily announced she plans to show a movie at 8:00 p.m. every month on the second Friday this summer. Dates will be May 12, June 9, and July 7. She also is looking at a basketball tournament.

The next meeting will be held on May 13, 2017, at 10:30 a.m.

Adjourn – Bonnie Morrow moved and Sharon Hadsall seconded to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nan Stricklin, Secretary

Motions to the Board

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