

**Present:** Jerry Harkleroad (Chair), Steve Denison (Vice Chair), Monika Hall, Arnold Kern, Susan Wilkins, Chris Steele, Jordan McCabe (Secretary)

Jerry H. called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

**November Minutes adopted by consensus.**

1. **Party Update:** Steve Denison 127 people showed  
We borrowed the VFW boom-box but the music was on low.  
Ravioli was the vegetarian option — caterer ran out of plates —not a problem — we had lots of help on clean-up — Steve now has the decorations in his garage — Jerry will collect them and then also the arbor from Tim Hay

The facility was fine — Marla good to work with — she's working on improving the furniture and getting more tables — we had room for a lot more tables

2. **For next year:** We need to be able to adjust the temperature because it was cold for set-up. It warmed up as the people arrived.  
We should have a stack of paper plates for back-up.  
We had more flyers than we needed.

**More people are showing up than signed up — be prepared for next year**

For next year: preprint the nametags;  
also bring blanks

Next year's announcement should say: Parking somewhat limited — carpool if possible —the e-mail should also state the non-discrimination policy: This is a social gathering: no program is planned  
It is an all-inclusive seasonal occasion  
This year, the policy was on the flyer

The signage was fine. We can now use the signs for the picnic also.

**\$1,080 was collected**

**That's 108 people**

**2017 Picnic:**

We have a problem. The Botanical Garden will no longer be allowing events between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. from June 1 to end of December.

The committee considered having an evening event — traffic could be a problem — we'll check it out — there may be construction that would add to the traffic problem

Jerry will reserve a site for the week of August 21: probably Wednesday, August 23, or Thurs. Aug. 24

Last year, our parking caused a parking problem for the Gardens

Staff claimed to be overwhelmed. (But all they had to do was pick up the garbage.)

**Resolved: We will investigate alternative locations for the picnic.**

Events committee is responsible for Picnic, Holiday party and elections  
TSO Board has to approve plans — TSO council has to approve allocation of funds.

**3. ELECTIONS**

Arnold Kern is retiring from this function. He turned over his folder with information to Jerry Harkleroad

**Elections TimeLine**

February: E-mail TSO members re interest in running for council  
Request responses by March 15

April 10 Create Status Report: who's running, etc.

April 21 List of candidates finalized.

April 28 Formal meeting to meeting to meet the candidates.  
(2016: nobody showed)

April 29     Committee finalizes voting process and prepares ballots  
May 18     TSO council receives status report including slate of candidates  
May 23-26 (Mon to Thurs, last full week):  
              Retrieve the election box from the closet downstairs.

**We need elections signage in the lobby**  
This should increase voting

**Voting from 11:30 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 2:00 p.m.**

Arnold took home the ballot box each night and counted ballots.

May 26, final count. Notify candidates and TSO secretary of results  
TSO secretary notifies the council

June (3<sup>rd</sup> Wed.) Announce results at TSO council meeting.

Keep the information (ballots, etc.) for at least one year.

**Open Positions:** Resigned council member Tom Westman should be replaced — Plus up to three additional members at large.

Jerry will check when the other officer positions are up for re-election

**Jerry wants to retire June 30 as Chair of the Events Committee**

#### 4. **NEW BUSINESS**

Puget Sound Honor Society will hold an event in May, 2017.

WW2 and Korean War veterans are flown to Washington DC to  
tour war memorials (Not Vietnam vets)  
free flight, food, hotel — met by an admiral — escorted

Put this on the agenda for the council meeting.  
Arnold will be the contact person  
akern@mail.com

Meeting adjourned at 10:30.

Next meeting January 13, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Jordan McCabe