

EVENTS COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
Friday, September 21, 2018 9:30 AM
FINAL MINUTES

Present: Steve Denison, Bryan Leyton, Jerry Harkleroad, Chris Steele, Susan Wilkins. New member Inna Nikolova also joined the meeting. Edie Heppler arrived at 9:37 AM.

Minutes taken by Susan Wilkins

SUMMER PICNIC - Steve Dennison reported the results of the survey that had been sent out in early September. Most respondents sent in compliments.

The biggest complaint was lack of plates. (Some guests took new plates for seconds before all guests had been through the buffet line so there weren't enough plates for everyone.) Solution was to bring extra Chinette plates and plastic silverware at the next event.

The second complaint was that it didn't feel like a picnic. Inna Nikolova suggested that we call it a luncheon. Inna is familiar with the North Bellevue Community Center and mentioned that their kitchen is fully equipped with a grill, sink, utensils, etc. It was pointed out that we would need to rent the kitchen in order to use it. Nobody was sure of the cost to rent the kitchen, but it was suggested that it would cost \$50.00 per hour.

Other complaints: We needed centerpieces or other decorations. Also, the caterers didn't wear gloves.

DISCUSSION OF PICNIC LOCATIONS FOR SUMMER 2019 - it was suggested that we could have the picnic (or luncheon) at Kelsey Creek Farm, Crossroads Community Center Park or Grasslawn Park. Steve said that he would check on availability of parks for next summer.

Edie Heppler reminded everyone that it had been smoky from forest fires during the picnic so nobody went outside. She also said that having a potluck was also a possibility instead of catering (but that we should double-check to make sure that this is still true.) Inna noted that a potluck takes organization and a committee in order to be successful. Jerry Harkleroad asked that we consider both weekdays and weekends for the picnic. (Jerry also noted that if the price of classes increases to \$129 there may no students in the programs.)

ACTIVITIES DURING THE PICNIC & WINTER HOLIDAY PARTIES:

Steve mentioned that we needed activities to help people interact and meet others. This started a discussion on "icebreakers" to facilitate socializing among partygoers.

Chris Steele suggested that we provide a personal detail during registration and then hand out that detail on a strip of paper and make people figure out who the detail belongs to.

Edie suggested that we could take the name of a famous person to the back of each attendee and have them ask questions from others to help them figure out whose name is taped to their back.

Inna said that we need music. If we have someone who plays the piano, we could have 15 minutes of piano and then stop once the party gets going.

Inna suggested a silent auction with artwork that was created in class. She also suggested a potluck dessert table with a contest to judge the best recipe.

Edie Heppler and Chris Steele left at 10:25 AM for the curriculum committee meeting.

WINTER HOLIDAY PARTY: DECEMBER 5 at the VFW Hall on 148th AVE NE in Bellevue.

We need to figure out activities for the Holiday Party. Possibly a readers event of a play.

TSO SIGN-UPS:

We need to make sure that people add their names to the TSO email list so that they get announcements and important information. The class host is supposed to make sure that students are aware that they need to specifically authorize TSO to put them on their mailing list. The class hosts need to let people know that the TELOS email list is different from the TSO email list.

Meeting adjourned at 10:48 AM