

Surrender Under the Stars 32 Subcommittee meeting

1-13-18, Saturday, 1:30pm, First Christian Church (1st meeting of the 2018 subcommittee)

Opening prayer

12 Traditions and Concepts reading, read 1st Concept from Concept booklet, open floor discussion

Introductions (attendance):

- Clayton B (2017 vice programming); Lydia S (2017 vice registration); Charlie M (2017 vice culinary); Liz W (2017 helped with registration); Jeff T; Dee C; Gary S (2017 serenity keeper and all-around helper); Barbara H (2017 vice chair); Mark H (2017 treasurer); Ed D (past logistics helper); Keith L; Tom B (2018 chair nominee, chaired this meeting and took minutes)

Positions:

- We discussed one of the problems last year was the positions remained unfilled into March and the need to get those filled sooner; also to get organized sooner (according to minutes from last year, the chair positon was still not filled by the April meeting, although Sherree was acting in that role).
- Some people present spoke of willingness, especially those who were vice chairs last year so they could learn to be chairs this year. We decided to put the call out to Area home groups through Area

1st Tradition:

- We discussed the importance of holding the 1st tradition above all else. We need to all work toward harmony on this year's committee. Any one unhappy with anyone should address it with them or can come to me (Tom B) to help mediate the situation.

Surrender Guidelines:

- There was also discussion of locating the latest Surrender Guidelines. The Surrender guidelines on the Area's website are dated 7-15-07, but Gary S. produced a copy dated 2-19-17. Until more recent guidelines are produced, we will operate under the latter.

Major Milestones:

- We decided on a date for the event: September 28-30, 2018
 - Tom B to contact First Baptist Church to reserve the dates
- Speaker Jam: June 16, 2018
 - Tom B to reserve venue from First Christian Church
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Speaker Jam (6-16-18):

- We discussed the importance of complying with First Christian Church's (FCC) child policy of having a dedicated space with two adults watching them that have had background checks
- We discussed the possibility of having a "Kids Korner" for the Speaker Jam to satisfy this compliance.
- 2017 minutes show that T-shirts were ordered for Speaker Jam by June 7, the event was held June 17.
- Recommend that this year's committee have the following milestones:
 - Art work due: May 12 Surrender committee meeting
 - T-shirts ordered by: May 26 (3 weeks ahead of Speaker Jam)
 - Culinary should have a plan to purchase all food in the days leading up to June 16. Consider refrigeration needs to keep food safe.

Secretary:

- Tom B took minutes today
- Secretary notebook was left at FCC by Helena W (secretary 2017) and was taken by Tom B until a Secretary is identified.
- Helena W made excellent notes closing out the 2017 committee. These notes contain a wealth of information that should guide this year's committee, particularly in budgeted amounts for various items. Program chairs are encouraged to look back over what was spent last year in planning for this year.

Registration:

- We discussed the possibility of online registration as a way to get more early registrations. The usual method mailing in a check will still be an option.

Cost of Attending Surrender:

- We discussed some willingness to make the event cheaper for families:
 - Dee mentioned offering a camping with or without meal plan, based on her experience with Boy Scout camping events
 - We mentioned a cheaper camping fee
 - We mentioned a flat rate plan for families
 - The current guidelines state the event has two purposes: the first mentioned is a fundraiser for VRC and the second mentioned is a spiritual campout event.

Area report:

- Tom B made a list of the items to be taken back to the February Area meeting:
 - We've set the date of the event for Sept 28-30
 - We've set the date of Speaker Jam for June 16
 - Next meeting of this subcommittee is Saturday, February 10, 1:30pm, at FCC
 - Ask home groups to announce positions are open and a call for volunteers

Meeting adjourned at about 3pm, closed with Prayer