

Hillcrest Committee Meeting

October 7, 2019

The October 7, 2019 Hillcrest Committee meeting was held at the home of Dana Smith. President, Anne Barry, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and 30 members were present. Anne Barry thanked Dana Smith and the lunch committee that consisted of Paden Voget, Ayano Istel, Kate Empasis, and Karen Porschett Miller.

Old Business

Approval of the September 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Sue Martin moved that the September 9, 2019 minutes be approved and Patti Diehl seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Linda Maddux gave the Treasurer's Report (see attachment). She reported that for September 1- October 2 our total revenue was \$2,422.45 and our total expenditures were \$4,649.24 and our net revenue was -\$2,226.79. Our total assets are \$20,152.85. We received a total of \$300.00 in donations and \$271.40 in memorial donations for Edie Chezik's husband. Linda also reported that everyone has paid Hillcrest Committee dues.

Correspondence Report

Barb Raniele reported that three notes were received. Nancy Thiebes thanked the Hillcrest Committee for the beautiful, yellow rose she received after the passing of her father. Dana Smith also thanked the Hillcrest Committee for the yellow rose after the passing of her father. And Edie Chezik thanked the Hillcrest Committee for the flowers after the passing of her husband. She thanked her Hillcrest family for all the love and support given to her during this difficult time. The desserts provided for the memorial service and the food delivered to her home were deeply appreciated. She will return when she's feeling stronger.

Data Base Manager Report

Micki Palpant reported that since we are five members short due to resignations, more people are needed to help with the April lunch committee. She will send out an email after the Ball asking for members to volunteer to work the April meeting.

President, Anne Barry, said since we have so many new members it might be helpful to clarify the new member responsibilities regarding resignations. She asked Judy Gambia to explain those responsibilities. Judy stated that according to the Bylaws members are to provide a written resignation to the Hillcrest Committee President at the January meeting. Resigning members are still expected to fulfill all their responsibilities through August 31st. However, there may be some cases like illness or moving away, when a member cannot fulfill those responsibilities. This is important because with 50 members we have exactly enough people to work all 12 parties. All new member responsibilities begin in September. New members are expected to be on a lunch committee, work two parties and cook for the parties. Please be aware that the list for first half and second half members cook sometimes changes as new members are added and resignations are removed. President, Anne Barry, announced that Christin Sherbourne is our new President Elect, since Becki Cochran is moving. Patti Diehl reminded new members to send out an email to all.members@hillcrestcommittee.org if you need to switch with someone because you cannot work a party or cook for a party. It is your responsibility to find a replacement. Please be sure to contact the chair of the committee and Patti Diehl to let them know if you switched with someone. Barbara Johnson will rally the Excalibur Members if we cannot find someone to work a party or cook.

Hospitality/Yellow Rose Report

Christin Sherbourne reported that two yellow roses were delivered. One rose went to Dana Smith at the passing of her father and one yellow rose to Yvette Provosty at the passing of her mother.

Party Reports

Breakfast at Tiffany's- was a paddle party for 80 at the Hillcrest House on Thursday, September 19, 2019. Jenn Stringer was the chair for this event. A special thank you to Jenn for taking over the chair position for this party when Monica Lewis moved! The committee members were Tiffani Cox, Carol Ferguson, Dixie Hackstedde, Anne Jantzi, Linda Maddux, Neva Nuich and Anusha Weerakoon. Everyone Cooked. Jenn reported that her committee members were stellar! Tiffani Cox stepped up to help co-chair the party. The pay slots paid for the alcohol and the DJ and 26 members cooked. It was a great party! Some pictures are posted online.

Oysters- is a party for 24 people at Carolyn Lesley's home on Friday, October 11, 2019. Tiffany Graeber is the chair and the committee members

are Marianne Clarke, Stephanie DeBoer, Mary Jo Hoftiezer, Lori Schultz and Cathy Theen. The DeBoers will be providing the wine and almost everything is being prepared on site. There are \$45.00 pay slots for first half members. Please contact Tiffany Graeber if you are not interested in a pay slot. There will be other options available.

Rhinestone Cowboy- is a dinner for 24 people on Friday, October 18, 2019 at the Gambee Stage Pass Barn. The Hillcrest Committee will provide a signature drink and second half cooks. Christin Sherbourne is the chair and the committee members are Dixie Hackstedde, Linda Maddux, Sue Martin, Lori Schultz, Cindy Smith and Cathy Theen. Christin Sherbourne reported that the party is a Hootenanny style event with line dancing.

Oz Dinner- is a dinner for 12 people at the home of Nancy Thiebes on Saturday, October 19, 2019. Nancy Thiebes is the chair and the committee members are Marianne Clarke, Carolyn Ferguson, Patty Hubbert and Sue Nolan-Olson. The event was scheduled to take place at the Hillcrest House. However, the Hillcrest House would not be available until 1:00 p.m. the day of the party. Nancy Thiebes and the committee were concerned that wasn't enough time to complete the decorating, so Nancy offered her home. The Hillcrest Committee will provide a signature drink and the committee cooks. Nancy reported that the menu and décor has been decided and the committee will meet over lunch to finalize the preparations.

Patty Hubbert noted that this is the second year we have had some difficulty scheduling the Hillcrest House. The Hillcrest House is now being used as an Airbnb and they are booked a lot during the summer and fall. Please keep in mind if your party isn't date specific, try to schedule with the buyers and Barbara Light (773-1487, 944-4294 or at Barbara@hillcrestorchard.com) as quickly as possible. Also, you may not be able to get into the Hillcrest House as early as we have in the past. Make sure you confirm with Barbara Light that you need to have the whole day and/or the night before for setup. If you are chairing a party at the Hillcrest House, Patty Hubbert needs the date of the party by October 29th in order to get it in the program. The following party chairs are encouraged to contact Barbara Light as soon as possible:

- The Balloons, Bubbles & Brunch cocktail party will be at the Hillcrest House in Spring 2020. Karin Dailey is the chair.
- Baby, It's Cold Outside is a cocktail party at the Hillcrest House in March, April or November 2020. Barbara Raniele is the chair.

- Onesie Party is a cocktail party at the Hillcrest House October 23-25 or November 13-15 2020. Sue Martin and Mary Jo Hoftiezer are the chairs.

Carolyn Ferguson reminded party chairs to make two copies of the recipes they used. Please be sure to jot down any suggestions or notes after the party before turning them in to Carolyn.

Ball Update- the 2019 Hillcrest Committee Ball will be held on Friday, December 6, 2019 at the Inn at the Commons in Medford. The co-chairs are Judy Gambie and Micki Palpant. Judy Gambie reported that online registration is now available. Some members have already submitted their RSVPs for the Holiday Ball online. There is a \$6.50 fee per ticket for using your credit card to pay. There is a text box to type in who will be sitting at your table. You will also be able to choose your meal preference. If registering online, each person will have to sign up separately to make a menu choice. The second option for submitting your RSVP, is to wait for the invitation to arrive in the mail. You can fill out the RSVP card and mail it with your check. Everything on the menu is gluten free, even the dessert. Our maximum number of guests is 280, so make your reservations early. The invitations will be mailed in late October. Judy and Micki were excited to announce a mix of table sizes. We will be able to accommodate both large and small groups. They talked with reservations first (Tiffani Cox and Cathy Theen) and they are ok with the new table sizes. For example, there will be some rectangular tables that seat 12-16 as well as groups of 6-8 and groups of 10. Micki said the food tasting for the Ball was delicious! There is a new chef and pastry chef this year. The portion size looks great and we will pay less per plate than last year. Remember all members are expected to attend the Ball, as well as help with the setup. Please plan to arrive at the Inn at the Commons at 9 a.m. on Friday, December 6th for setup and decorating. It usually takes about two hours. If you want someone to receive an invitation to the Hillcrest Ball that wasn't already on the mailing list, please contact Helen Koenigsman with the person's name, phone number, address and email address.

New Business

New President Elect

Anne Barry announced that Christin Sherbourne is the new President Elect.

Storage Unit for Supplies

Anne Barry mentioned that it is getting more difficult to get into the storage area at the Hillcrest House. This is due to scheduled Airbnb rentals. The space is also very limited. She said a suggestion was made that we rent a storage unit for all our supplies. Marialice Wright manages five different storage complexes. She said it would cost approximately \$45/month to rent a unit. The units have codes so members could access items 24 hours/day. Lynn Hammond said she also has a contact for storage units, as well. It was suggested that a committee be set up to explore the idea of renting a storage unit. Christin Sherbourne moved that a committee be formed to explore getting a storage unit and Patti Diehl seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed. The following members volunteered to serve on the committee: Mary Jo Hoftiezer, Marialice Wright, Helen Koenigsman and Lynn Hammond. Anne Jantzi suggested getting new tubs to replace the boxes that are being used to store the glassware.

Announcements

Rebekah McAnally reported that she is delivering flowers to the Women's Imaging Centers at Providence, Asante and the Ashland Hospital for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. If you are interested in coming along, please email her. Those attending should wear pink and meet in the Providence parking lot at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 10th. Please park in the farthest parking lot from the door, so patients can use the parking spots closest to the door.

Micki Palpant reminded everyone that November, January, March and April are evening meetings that begin at 5:30 p.m. She suggested that we review in January, if it works to have half of the meetings in the mornings and half at night. The evening meetings are just appetizers, so we might consider having one less person to help. It was also noted that we had more members attend the evening meetings last year.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on November 4, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Christin Sherbourne 455 Shafer Lane, Jacksonville, OR.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Nolan-Olson, Recording Secretary