

## **Hillcrest Committee Meeting**

**September 9, 2019**

The September 9, 2019 Hillcrest Committee meeting was held at the home of Dixie Hackstedde. President, Anne Barry, called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. and 41 members were present. Anne Barry thanked Dixie Hackstedde and the lunch committee that consisted of Sue Martin, Cindy Bottasso, Cristie Fairbanks, Holly Roberts and Lynn Hammond.

### **Old Business**

#### ***Approval of the June 3, 2019 Meeting Minutes***

Tiffani Cox moved that the June 3, 2019 minutes be approved and Lara David 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 July 1-September 5, 2019 our total revenue was \$7,241.01, our net operating revenue is \$4,304.73 and our total assets are \$22,684.64. We received \$4,805.20 in memorial donations for Edie Chezik's husband, Dr. Jon Van Valkenburg. A total of \$204.20 were received from Fred Meyer Rewards, Smile. Amazon and Costco's charity funds. Letters were received this summer thanking us for donating to the Providence Hospital Compassion Fund and the Sparrow Foundation.

#### ***Correspondence Report***

Becki Cochran read the Correspondence Report for Barb Raniele. She reported that two thank you letters were received from yellow rose recipients. Ann Jantzi's card thanked everyone for the yellow rose she received after her back surgery. Jenn Stringer's card thanked everyone for the yellow rose she received for her husband Dr. Kenneth Stringer's hospitalization. They both appreciated the love and support from their Hillcrest friends!

#### ***Data Base Management Report***

Micki Palpant reminded everyone to RSVP on the Hillcrest website at least by the Friday before each meeting. The lunch committee needs to know how much food to prepare. The RSVPs are posted for all of this year's monthly meetings.

### ***Hospitality/ Yellow Rose Report***

Becki Cochran reported that she delivered two yellow roses over the summer. One to Edie Chezik for the passing of her husband Dr. Jon Van Valkenburg and one to Jenn Stringer for her husband Dr. Kenneth Stringer who was hospitalized.

### ***Party Reports***

**Emerald Isle Party-** was a party for 24 at Stewart Meadows Golf Course on Sunday, June 9, 2019. Janice Cox and Ayano Istel were the co-chairs for the event. The committee members were Judy Gambee, Yvette Provosty and Jenn Stringer. First half cooked. Judy Gambee reported that the chairs did a great job of organizing the event! The buyers were treated to food and drinks, as well as a round of golf. Janice and Ayano sent pictures of the food that was prepared and a thank you to each of the first half members. Micki Palpant attended the event and she said she doesn't golf, but she still had a great time and the food was wonderful!

**Black Pearl Dinner-** was a dinner for 12 people at the Fairbanks' home on Saturday, June 15, 2019. Lara David was the chair and the committee members were Anne Barry, Cristie Fairbanks, Patty Hubbert, Jody Lennon and Micki Palpant. The committee cooked. Lara David thanked her committee and the Fairbanks for offering their home for the dinner party. Cristie Fairbanks is a new member. Dana Smith was one of the buyers and she said the food and setting was great!

**Bombay Gin Party-** was a party for 40 people at the Vinyard's home on Saturday, June 29, 2019. The Hillcrest Committee provided the cocktails. Patti Diehl and Karen Porschet Miller were the co-chairs. The committee members were Lori Bandler, Judy Gambee, Yvette Provosty and Jenn Stringer. First half cooked. Patti Diehl reported that only 20 people were invited by the buyers and 19 people attended. She said the Vinyard's home is gorgeous and they actually helped with the party. In fact, they would like to offer their home again as a party venue. The décor was fun and the food was delicious, so overall the party was a great success! Many of the people who attended the party were not from the area. They wanted to know who the caterer was because the food was so delicious! The guests were having such a wonderful time they stayed as the committee was cleaning up.

Double Black Diamond/ Siskiyou Summer Party- was a party for 40 people at the Mt. Ashland Ski Lodge on Sunday, July 21, 2019. Rebekah McAnally and Holly Roberts were the co-chairs. The committee members were Edie Chezik, Neva Nuich, Cindy Smith, Paden Voget and Leanne Wood. Second half cooked. Holly Roberts reported that they buyers wanted to switch the party to the summer. That's why the party was called Siskiyou Summer Party rather than Double Black Diamond. Holly thanked everyone for trusting them to chair this party, since it was the first time for both Rebekah and Holly to chair a party. She thanked her amazing committee, as well as the second half that cooked. The party included a large Charcuterie board and live music. They also had custom cocktail napkins printed with "Find a Cure". Judy Gambee attended the party and said the food was delicious and décor was beautiful!

Breakfast at Tiffany's Paddle Party- will be a party for 94 at the Hillcrest House on Thursday, September 19, 2019. Jenn Stringer is the chair and the committee members are Tiffani Cox, Carolyn Ferguson, Dixie Hackstedde, Anne Jantzi, Linda Maddux, Neva Nucih and Anusha Weerakoon. Everyone cooks for this party. Jenn Stringer said her committee plans to meet at lunch today to finalize their plans. She reminded everyone to deliver the food to the Hillcrest House on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. on white platters. There will be a wide variety of items on the menu. Stephanie DeBoer has two tickets for this party that she won't be using. If anyone is interested, please contact her.

Oysters Party- will be 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. First half cooks. The DeBoer's will be providing the wine. Stephanie DeBoer reported for Tiffany Graeber. She said that the committee is excited about putting on this party. Most things are being cooked on site. The pay slots for this party are \$45. Contact Tiffany Graeber if you are not interested in the \$45 pay slot. She will have other options or you could switch with someone else to cook for another party.

Rhinestone Cowboy Dinner – will be a dinner for 24 people at the Gambee Stage Pass Barn on Friday, October 18, 2019. Christin Sherbourne is the chair and the committee members are Dixie Hackstedde, Linda Maddux, Sue

Martin, Lori Schultz, Cindy Smith and Cathy Theen. Second half cooks. The Hillcrest Committee will provide the signature drink. Christin Sherbourne said the date changed at the buyers' request. The clipboard for 2<sup>nd</sup> half cooks, will be available during the meeting.

Oz Dinner- will be a dinner for 12 people at the Hillcrest House 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 committee cooks and the Hillcrest Committee will provide the cocktails. Nancy Thiebes asked the committee to meet at lunch. The committee has done a lot of the planning already.

Breakfast at Tiffany's- was a party for eight people on Thursday, June 13, 2019 at Larks in the Ashland Springs Hotel. The appetizers, signature drink and private screening of the movie Breakfast at Tiffany's were donated by Larks. Sue Nolan-Olson reported that it was an amazing evening! The appetizers were spectacular and the Crystal Room was decorated elegantly to match the theme. After drinks and appetizers we moved to an area with comfortable chairs, popcorn, and candy for the private screening of Breakfast at Tiffany's. It was a wonderful evening with friends! However, it seemed as though a Hillcrest member wasn't assigned to the party. As a result, no one contacted the main buyer with information regarding the event. Patty Hubbert indicated that a Hillcrest Committee member had been assigned to the event, however that member moved and no one realized until the last minute that we needed to contact the buyers.

Ball Report- 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. They are super excited about the Ball! The Save the Date cards have already been mailed. Just to clarify the theme for this year's Ball, it is a New York style Jazz Club. A Night at the Copa! They reminded everyone that it was time to think about the people you will sit with at the Ball. There will be new seating options this year. If you would like a table with more than 10 seats, they can make that happen. Tables for 14-16 guests will be available. Judy Gambie reported that on October 1, 2019 online reservations for the Ball opens. She said a big thank you goes to Edie Chezik and Linda Maddux for making that happen. There will still be two ways to pay. If you pay online with a credit card there will be a fee of about \$6-7 per ticket and you won't have to mail in your reservation card. Or you can mail your check and reservation card. Cathy

Then and Tiffani Cox will work together on the reservations. Judy and Micki reminded everyone that all our members are expected to attend the Ball, buy a ticket, and set up the morning of the Ball. The setup is at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, December 6, 2019. It's a lot of fun and should take about two hours. Anne Jantzi reminded everyone to download Ball and party pictures, so they can be used in the slideshow the night of the Ball. She said pictures taken with your phone are just fine. Lara David announced the Auction Packages for the 2019 Hillcrest Ball.

1. Dinner en Blanc
2. Mad Hatter Tea Party
3. Farm to Table
4. Oktoberfest
5. Onesie Party
6. Top Gun
7. Under the Tuscan Sun
8. Balloons, Bubbles & Brunch
9. Baby, It's Cold Outside
10. Special Occasion Party (donated by Ashland Springs Hotel)
11. Wines of the World Pairing Dinner
12. Progressive Dinner

She also included a description of each party theme. Lara announced that the senior member always has first option to sign up for the parties. Carolyn Ferguson has been an active member for 33 years, so she was able to sign up first for the parties. After Carolyn signed up for her parties the clipboard was sent around for all the other members to sign up. Lara also mentioned that there were three party chair positions open. If a member chairs a party, they do not have to work another party. However, they still have to fulfill all cooking obligations for first or second half cooks, as well as everyone cooks.

## **New Business**

### ***Message from Barbara Light***

Barbara Light who does all the scheduling for the Hillcrest House, thanked everyone for contacting her before going into the basement storage area at the Hillcrest House. She said it is even more important now that the Hillcrest House is being used as an Airbnb. As a result, it may be more difficult to schedule dates for parties at the Hillcrest House. Barbara Light can be reached at 773-1487, 944-4294 or at [Barbara@hillcrestorchard.com](mailto:Barbara@hillcrestorchard.com).

### ***Advisory Board Position***

Anne Barry announced that there are two positions open on the Advisory Board. Judy Glass was the 1<sup>st</sup> Past President, but she has resigned and Jenn Stringer was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Past President. Tiffani Cox will be the new 1<sup>st</sup> Past President, Judy Gambie will be 2<sup>nd</sup> year and Karin Dailey will be 3<sup>rd</sup> year. The Advisory Board provides input on major decisions to the Executive Board. Stephanie DeBoer and Cindy Prewitt volunteered for the open positions on the Advisory Board.

***Data Base-*** a party list management position is being added.

Patti Diehl is our new party list management contact person. Please let her know if there are any changes for the upcoming parties dates, times, locations and/or people working the party.

### ***Website Manager***

Helen Koenigsman is our current website manager. If anyone is interested in taking over her position next year, they could shadow her this year. Please let Helen know if you are interested.

***Focus Group Positions-*** new members needed

Tiffani Cox reported that more members are needed on the Focus Group. Judy Glass resigned and she had served on the Focus Group for 6 years. The Focus Group reviews research grants and makes recommendations as to which grants we should fund. Dana Smith and Kate Empasis volunteered to join the Focus Group.

### ***Supplies***

Neva Nuich asked if anyone was interested in taking over her position for next year. She has been in charge of organizing the storage area at the Hillcrest House and maintaining an inventory of the supplies.

### ***Resignations***

The following members submitted resignations:

1. Becki Cochran: Excalibur- Ball Chair 2017, 7 years (moving to Atlanta)
2. Jody Lennon: Resign- 2 years (work demands)
3. Holly Roberts: Resign- 1 year (moving to Denver)
4. Leanne Wood: Excalibur- Ball Chair 2015, 7 years (moving to Hawaii)
5. Liza Barrows: Excalibur- Ball Chair 2015, 7 years (family)

Tiffani Cox said that the Executive Board has to meet, so they can fill the President Elect Position. Becki Cochran is currently serving as President Elect, however she will be moving.

***Announcements***

Becki Cochran donated a book written by a former Hillcrest Committee member. The book is On the Edge, written by Andrea Berryman Childreth. Becki said it was a great read. Dana Smith read the book, as well and said it was great.

***Next Meeting***

Our next meeting will be held on October 7, 2019 at 10:15 at the home of Dana Smith 1609 Goldstone Dr. Central Point, OR

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Nolan-Olson, Recording Secretary