

ERC Meeting
August 15, 2005

ATTENDEES: Stephanie Sheppard, Mike DiPasquale, Heidi Bokesch, JT Moore, Randall Morin, Mike Selby, Beth Binns-Roemer, Amy Huter-Imming, Tammy Eyer, Roxanne Angell, Rodman Smith, Joan Menninger, Rachel Beard, Debbie Dobbe

The meeting was brought to order at approximately 11:30.

NEW BUSINESS

New members, Stephanie Sheppard and Mike DiPasquale (both DMS) and Debbie Dobbe (FME) were introduced and welcomed to the committee. Amy explained that the committee works on an ad hoc basis; committee members select events they would like to coordinate, Amy is contacted concerning any subsidy, once a price is agreed on, the committee moves forward with the event.

Heidi Bokesch, ERC Treasurer, presented her report. She further indicated that membership is up to 426 members.

Mike Selby volunteered to handle tickets for the upcoming Frederick County Fair. Mike will request 150 tickets; they will be sold for \$4/ticket. Mike will get flyer information to Tammy.

A free lunch in the Fall was discussed, it will be handled out of Amy's office (Tammy and Laura will coordinate). Once a decision is made on the food item, date, location, etc., a flyer will be generated.

Debbie Dobbe volunteered to get information on the play "Wicked", which is playing at the Kennedy Center.

JT indicated that having upcoming ERC events posted on the scroll bar on the television in the Conference Center might help publicize events. Copies of the latest flyers have been sent to him and he is coordinating with the Conference Center.

Stephanie volunteered to get information concerning tickets to a Baltimore Ravens game or a University of Maryland game.

Discussion was made concerning the Corn Maze event in the Fall, this event is normally well received. Tammy will contact Laura to see if she can coordinate; in the past Laura and Cheryl (Nolan) Magers have co-coordinated this event.

Amy indicated that it was time to begin thinking about Breakfast with Santa. Debbie Dobbe volunteered for the sub-committee. During committee discussion, it was suggested that the committee cut down on the number of crafts and that the crafts should be done at the event. It was suggested that we increase the number of games to make up for fewer craft items. Games currently in use: bingo, ring toss, and bean bag toss. Amy suggested that we bring back the “fishing” game that was used in the past.

Beth volunteered to coordinate Disney on Ice @ Hershey Park. The Incredibles will run from November 9 – 13. Several members reminded Beth that we should try to get a date on a Saturday when Candy Lane and the kiddie rides are open.

Roxanne volunteered to get information on group tickets and rates for the new Adventure Park. It was suggested they could be sold on a year-round basis like movie theater tickets or aquarium tickets.

Randall volunteered to get the information and to coordinate a trip to Las Vegas in Spring 2006.

The possibility of a Fall golf tournament was discussed, however, Laura was unable to be at the meeting so this event was tabled until Amy could discuss it with Laura. The spring tournament was discussed—there were some logistical problems with the number of foursomes that signed up to play. Additionally it was suggested that the non-ERC member price be double that of the ERC member price. This was also tabled until Amy could talk with Laura.

Rodman volunteered to get information for a possible golf trip to Myrtle Beach in Spring 2006.

OLD BUSINESS

Amy’s office is actively working on St. Lucia—members who have signed up for the trip are anxious to get travel dates. Due to the price increase more avenues are being researched for the trip to be successful.

Heidi indicated that 26 tickets to the Frederick Keys game were not sold. Discussion by the committee suggested that only 50 tickets are bought for 2006. After the meeting Heidi learned that the tickets could still be sold as general admission tickets even though they show the date and time of the game they were originally purchased to promote. The tickets will be returned to Kathy for additional sales.

Heidi indicated that ticket sales for the Renaissance Festival are slow. This was attributed to the heat – she is hopeful that sales will pick-up. However, these tickets are on consignment, so there will be no money lost if the tickets are not sold.

Having no further business, the committee adjourned at approximately 12:30 pm.
Committee members will be contacted when the next meeting is scheduled.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Eyer
Secretary