

ENCORE Membership Committee Minutes October 17 2016

Members Present: Rollie Lindstrom Chairman, Marlene Colendich, Elfi Gross, Ellen Norris, Hazel Sealy, Charlotte Thiringer, Aletha Westerberg.

Guest: Mary Kemhus

Member Absent: Art Limbird, Kay Limbird.

Rollie called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. The September minutes were read and approved.

Membership was 102 as of last Thursday. 17 are new members. Evy and Rollie talked about the concern that at mid-October there are still several people who have not sent their membership form in. Aletha will put a list of new members in the next Newsletter. On Evy's suggestion a reminder memo to those who have not registered yet was sent as an email last week. Rollie, Ellen and Evy will look at the situation at the end of October and decide when to create the Directory.

The Holiday Bash is confirmed for Friday Dec 16 noon-4 pm. Charlotte & Rollie met with Karen at the Elks about the menu. Karen suggested spinach quiche for a vegetarian entrée. If we add \$5 to the price we will have a wider array of sides including a pasta salad with chicken, green beans, rolls, beverages. There will be a manned bar. We can get a Costco cake and have the staff at the Elks cut it up and serve it. This will also include the tip, so we will not need to request more from the members at the dinner. Rollie will meet with her again to make certain this is all good. ENCORE will pay \$5 of the \$20 for each member.

Rollie spoke to Santa and he is enthusiastic about the throne and photos. In November we will talk about that further. Perry Bowman is a professional Santa Claus. Ellen will take the photos of people with Santa. Next month we will talk about requesting a donation for the photo to go to a children's charity. Elfi suggested scratch-off tickets for the drawings. Elfi will get them; with 6 we can do one every 15 minutes during dinner. Elfi can do scarves again for a raffle. (Elfi, Art and Kay will be in New Mexico for next meeting; Elfi will bring decorations for the party.)

We liked the idea of music; Judy Woodruff, cellist from the North Oregon Coast Sympathy is interested in putting together a trio. Rollie suggested \$75/hour per person for \$225/hour. We are not paying for the venue, and these are high quality musicians. The committee agreed.

Aletha will do the invitation that we will send out by snail-mail. We will give Santa \$100. We need to get candy canes for Santa to give out. Aletha would like the member list to send out the invitations. Ellen will put a reminder in Sunday's email to save the date. When do we need the number of meals to Karen? Target November 16 for mailing the invitation.

Mary suggested that next year's member form have a check box "returning member?" so people do not have to fill out contact information if it has not changed. Mary will bring a revised form to our next meeting. Last year we started sending out holders for name tags instead of lanyards, but they cannot be mailed. Committee agreed to go back to lanyards. Mary suggested that we

automatically enroll the instructors getting gift memberships and just ask if their contact information has changed. The membership form also needs to have a suggested date to have the membership form back. We asked that the date for next year be October 15.

Back to the Holiday Bash: the committee agreed that we will invite the musicians to eat with us and ENCORE will pay for them.

Next meeting November 21, Senior Center, 1 pm. Elfi, Art and Kay will not be at the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Ellen Norris, Secretary.