

# **LAPH Meeting Minutes – October 10, 2009 -- Zorbaz**

**Anniversary Meeting:** We are 6 years old today - WooHoo

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Habitat for Humanity:**

- 1 At 7:30 check will be presented to Steve, the president of Habitat for Humanity.
- 2 \$2,000 was raised this year at Boats & Bars IV.
- 3 Jim will be talking to Steve and Lisa about having some more involvement from Habitat for Humanity in future years. Possibly some help, family name and contact information, etc.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Operation Teddy Bear:**

- 1 No response has been received from letter sent to the CEO of Boyd's Bears
- 2 There is around \$2,000 in our account. Need to consider purchasing items to be given away as this is an event membership would like to see continued.
- 3 Suggestion to contact the "Ty" company, a company that supplies toys for Crane Games, Dakota Medical Foundation, Hospice, Hospitals/Nursing homes to put boxes out for donations, Toys R Us, the military, or the Caring Foundation.
- 4 Suggestion to offer to pay a reduced amount for defective toys.
- 5 The Boyd's bears were received as they were mildly defective and couldn't be sold as they were.

### **Giving Tree:**

- 1 There is a difference of opinion as to where this years giving tree should be placed, so as a compromise, it was suggested that half the names go to Sunflower Hill, and half the names to Zorbaz.
- 2 Some type of tracking will need to be done. Suggestion of double mitten cards. The person who wishes to take a name picks up both mittens. They put their own contact information on one

mitten and turn it in to the cashier. The other mitten has the child's information and request.

- 3 An earlier “due date” should be set with a clear expectations of when and where items need to be turned in.
- 4 Information could be placed on a banner at each location and could also be put on the web site.

### **Christmas Party:**

- 1 December 12
- 2 The Margaritaville Shrimp has arrived so we will try to have a dinner
- 3 The Knights of Columbus is no longer managed by our members Joe and Penny, so we will be looking for another location to hold the Christmas party.
- 4 Key lime shrimp, linguini, garlic toast, salad, and key lime cheesecake dessert is hoped to be the menu served buffet style.
- 5 Hope to have a gift exchange.
- 6 More info to come

### **Holiday Lights Parade:**

- 1 DL – First Monday after Thanksgiving. November 30<sup>th</sup> at dusk.
- 2 Brad has volunteered his truck and trailer
- 3 A place for assembly is needed
- 4 Fargo – November 24
- 5 Brad has volunteered his truck and trailer, weather dependant.
- 6 Use the same float for both parades
- 7 Request made to allow some money for new decorations as the old are wearing out.

### **By-Laws/ Elections:**

- 1 Two years ago, there were proposed changes to the bylaws that had a 1<sup>st</sup> reading, but there was not a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading nor an adoption, so some decisions need to be made as to how to move forward.

- 2 Two years ago, an extra position of Membership/Merchandise Director was “added”, as it filled a need and was designed to make an odd number of executive staff so there would not be a tie on any vote.
- 3 In the by-laws, it has been found that the position of **president** was designed as a **neutral** one, meaning not a voting position, thus making the number of voting positions even instead of odd as was intended.
- 4 Currently, the by-laws indicate that no executive can serve more than three terms in the same position. Motion made and passed that **term limits** be **eliminated** and that the **executive staff consist of the following positions, all of which will be up for election this year:**
  - o **President**
  - o **Vice President**
  - o **Secretary**
  - o **Treasurer**
  - o **Trustee**
  - o **Merchandiser**
- 5 Going forward, terms will be staggered so that there are annual elections of half of the executive staff.
  - o January 2010 – entire committee up for election
  - o January 2012 – Vice President, Treasurer, and Merchandiser up for election (even years)
  - o January 2013 – President, Secretary, and Trustee up for election (odd years)
- 6 In past elections, nominations have been suspended at the December meeting with elections held at the January meeting. **Nominations** this year **must be in by December 12** with no exceptions.
- 7 It was once given as an option that the executive staff advance progressively (meaning that trustee moves up to treasurer, to secretary, to vice president, to president). This idea has been rejected due to lack of interest in this type of progression.
- 8 Separation of duties has been addressed as a concern. Moving forward, the two signatures required for a check cannot come from the same household/family.
- 9 It has been proposed that the by-laws be simplified and possibly placed on the website

## **Outstanding Bills:**

- 1 MOTM Registration reimbursement \$75 - Jim
- 2 MOTM Registration reimbursement \$75 – Oscar (possibly)