

LAPH Meeting Minutes – November 14, 2009 -- Zorbaz

Operation Teddy Bear:

- 1 Bears are needed for giving away this year as the supply of bears being given away for the last 6 years has been exhausted. ☹ The goal is to find donations or make purchases of 500 bears for distribution on Christmas Day.
 - o Marla W. is able to provide 50 Daffodil holding Bears.
 - o Jim W is hoping to get a \$200 donation from his company to be used to purchase bears.
 - o Ginny may have a couple dozen to donate.
 - o Julie will post some information on her facebook account.
 - o Julie will check into a donation from MicroSoft.
 - o Julie will check with the Build a Bear company.
 - o Oriental Trading Company was contacted and they do not provide discounts even off season.
 - o Boyd's Bear Company cannot/will not be helping.
- 2 Motion was made and seconded to allow approximately \$300 toward purchasing 2 gross of Hula Bears (24 dozen at \$10.80 per dozen = \$259.20 + Tax + S&H. Darrel will get the debit card number and place the order
- 3 Question was asked if future years we could talk with Zorbaz and see if they want to help and get bears with Zorbaz on the bear's outfits.

Giving Tree:

- 1 Half the names go to Sunflower Hill, and half the names to Zorbaz.
- 2 Jim will make up the mitten pairs for the trees. 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 The names will be available Thanksgiving evening.

Christmas Party:

- 1 December 12
- 2 The Party will be at the Armory in Detroit Lakes.
- 3 5:00 is Cocktail Hour (BYOB)
- 4 6:00 will be dinner
- 5 There will be a gift exchange in the evening. If you would like to participate, bring a wrapped unisex gift valued at \$10.

Holiday Lights Parade:

- 1 DL – First Monday after Thanksgiving. November 30th at dusk.
- 2 Brad has volunteered his truck and trailer
- 3 There is no place for assembly yet. Julie will check with a couple places she knows of for Sunday.
- 4 Generator – Darrel indicates that Ambrose has the small generator and that he has a backup.

Elections:

- 1 The following positions are up for election this year.
 - o **President**
 - o **Vice President**
 - o **Secretary/Membership Director**
 - o **Treasurer**

- o **Trustee/Merchandiser**
 - o **Trustee**
- 1 Any member wishing to run for any of the above positions, please submit your name and the position you are running for to Jim (mnparrotheads@yahoo.com).
 - 2 The ABSOLUTE deadline for submitting your name is 7:30 PM on December 12, 2009.
 - 3 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 Trustee up for election (even years)
 - o January 2013 – President, Secretary/Membership Director, and Trustee/Merchandiser up for election (odd years)

Outstanding Bills:

- 1 MOTM Registration reimbursement \$75 - Jim
- 2 MOTM Registration reimbursement \$75 - Oscar

MOTM Update:

- 2 Jim provided an update on his and Oscar's trip to the Meeting of the Minds Parrot Head Convention in Key West.
 - o There are 236 Parrot Head Clubs world wide with approximately 22,000 members
 - o The PHiP executives are pushing all clubs to consider the Alzheimer Adult Day Care programs in their areas.
 - o 235 Clubs had representatives at MOTM this year.
 - o Buffett's entire band attended the street fair this year, but no Jimmy. ☹

- o Jim was able to network with several tropical bands while attending the street fair.
 - o Oscar and Jim attended the Regional Leaders Brunch
 - o Jim attended the Regional Coordinators meeting.
 - o Next year MOTM will be November 4 – November 7 with the theme of “Gypsies in the Palace”
- 3 Jim and Dawnie (from the DesMoines club) hosted a Midwest Regional Sunset Cruise.
- o There were around 80 participants on the cruise
 - o Cost per participant was \$39 with food, drink, and prizes given away throughout the cruise.
 - o There were participants from several clubs including ours, a couple in Iowa, and some in Florida, to name a few.

Upcoming:

February 13, 2010 – Welcome to Polaritaville at Zorbaz.