

Watkins Glen BPOE Lodge 1546 House Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2017

Opening

The regular meeting of the Watkins Glen BPOE Lodge 1546 House Committee was called to order at 6:00 on January 11 in Watkins Glen by Lynne Cacciotti. (due to inclement weather on January 10)

Present

Barney VanHorn

Lynne Cacciotti

Elizabeth Gossett

Shirley Bastian

Fred Hall

Approval of Minutes

The December meeting minutes were read and accepted.

Follow-up/Old Business

We are currently four months behind in rent and working with the trustees to repay the \$4,000.00 loan. Suggested that we pay ½ of rent (\$600.00/month) as we go forward trying to close the gap as we work to increase lodge events and get more members to the lodge, that way there isn't a need to come up with it all at once. Lynn and Tommy R are working on this as we go forward.

We are open to the idea and interested in leasing the banquet room to a caterer. If anyone knows of a caterer, please pass along the information. Trustees will help in the process also.

Tom Love to be leaving around Jan. 20th and open bartending hours were discussed. We decided that we would like to try a new face behind the bar perhaps just one of those nights. We will touch base with Jane Leszyk to see if she is still interested.

Thank you gift was presented to Mike Coolican at the Fish Fry Dinner on January 6.

Barney is still working on the automated ordering process. He is waiting on a call back from Scott & Greg.

Grill Updates

Some members are a little disgruntled with the chip prices, so a discussion was held whether to decrease the charge to \$1.25 vs \$1.50/bag. Current purchase cost is \$1.06 per bag and we make a profit of 44 cents. Committee decided to keep the price at \$1.50 as there are other snack options ie., crackers are 50 cents.

Fish Fry Dinners are scheduled for the entire month of January. This week's special is Chicken & Biscuits.

Upcoming events

Chicken & Eggplant Parmesan Dinner on January 21- \$15.00 please sign up and indicate your dinner choice. A raffle basket drawing will take place with lottery tickets and wine thanks to Chuck Doan for organizing.

Evening snacks now available in the bar - a variety of items made to order. Process will also be clarified for future if orders increase. (Air fryer vs deep fryer, location etc.)

New Business

Working on new ideas to get members in- all ideas welcome. Committee would like to include feedback flyer in with due reminders that get sent out and also ask again for members' email addresses. We also discussed the possibility of monthly Snooze to be mailed to those without an email address on file, focusing on zip codes in the immediate area and not those out of state.

Looking into a Bingo event- will touch base with Patrick M for info on necessary permit.

We'd like to bring back a weekly 50/50 drawing-3 tickets for \$5.00 and drawings would be held on Friday evenings.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm by Lynne Cacciotti. The next general meeting will be at 6:00PM Tuesday, February 14, at the Watkins Glen Elks Lodge.

Minutes respectively submitted by: Elizabeth Gossett