

St. Patrick's Day Committee

Minutes, Feb. 9, 2015

Present: Fran, Linda, Cathy & Dave

Regrets: Pat, Marlene, Paul, John

1. Summary of evening logistics: **Family Bistro** (Child-friendly), 5 pm – 10 , or 4:30 – 9 pm, 5 – 9 pm. Decision to be made before posters out. Will check with musicians.

New: **Entrance fee** of \$5 for adults 18 and over to contribute to musicians' "thank-you" kitty.

Linda and Marlene will take tickets at the door.

Donation jar will be on table, as well.

2. **Music includes open-mic.**

Musicians who have signed on:

As It Seems (Rick, Shirley, Gwen, Wally)

Rick, Wally, John, Paul, Bob Christie, Randy, Susan ,

Kurt, Jeff.

Would like Irish drum and step-dancing if anyone has contacts.

Children to be contacted to see if they'd sing a well-known song. Cathy will approach Nina to see if her daughter would be interested in leading the group.

Equipment set- up is still under discussion. Wally has agreed to use his equipment as he did last year.

3. **Irish food – pub-style offered, with bar.**

Discussion on food choices: Irish stew: 80% beef, 20% lamb

OR

Shepherd's pie

with coleslaw and soda bread, drink (water, tea, lemonade, coffee) \$6.00

Dessert: Ice cream, crème de menthe, cookies \$2.00

Speaking to John subsequent to the meeting, he suggested that \$6 was too low for the cost of food. Considering the cost for families, we discussed \$8 for adults, with a half-portion for children at \$4. This is to be decided at the next meeting.

Cathy to apply for **Food Vendor license**. Volunteers to be contacted for soda bread and cookies. (Linda has kindly volunteered).

Fran will be in charge of the organization of the kitchen. **John** will be chief cook.

Suggestion that a list of food items are ticked off by customers. Payment of food at kitchen.

4. Application has been made for the **liquor license**; awaiting approval before Paul places an order for liquor from Raj.

Paul will work the bar and contact a volunteer.

Action: **Dave** a) talk to Paul re. wine and guinness to be included in the order.

b) look for sales for pop, bottled water and other mix.

c) contact Raj re. chips and snack food box.

Discussion re. confusion over donation jar vs. tip jar. Both are to be clearly marked, with the donation jar at entrance only.

5. Dave will **MC**. He will contact Jim Gibson to **Welcome**, with a Council alternative if he is unable.

6. Pat Playford will be contacted re. **posters and tickets.**
7. **Decorations** are sufficient from last year. A decoration over the entranceway – (horseshoe?) - would be an enhancement. Cathy to contact Pat and look into purchasing material.
8. **Volunteers:** Cathy to contact Wade and Josh to see if they'd do volunteer hours in the kitchen and clearing tables.
9. **Door prizes:** Some door prizes will be available. To discuss at next meeting.
10. **Children's Corner:** Cathy to contact Marion re. crafts from last year. Linda suggested that children are not interested in structured activity. Discussion that a few unstructured activities be made available so that bored children do not run around unsupervised. Face-painting and dress-ups with a parade would include children in the evening public events. Cathy to contact volunteer for face-painting.
11. **2 Floats** of \$250 need to be available. Noella to be contacted. Currencies will be identified after cost of food decided upon. (Also need float for door).
12. **Next meeting:** Mon., March 2, 7 pm.